

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-375640)

February 18, 1955

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SAC,

SP 1604-S

Re SAC Letter 55-13 (B)

This informant has been highly reliable for several years and he has no known potential weaknesses.  he does not smoke or drink. He is mentally stable and has exhibited himself to be calm and collected in trying situations. He joined the Communist Party to aid the Bureau and is not a defected Communist. He has never been a security problem or cause of embarrassment to the Bureau and there is no indication that he will be so in the future.

In view of the above, it is recommended that he be continued.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

DATE: 3/18/55

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C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. X P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 3/2, 11, 18/55

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (100-21286)  
IPP " " " " (100-28062 J)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: X

see written reports

## PERSONAL DATA:

*SF 1604-S is presently employed by  
Stephans Bros. Boat Co. in Stockton, Calif. as a  
machinist. He is a union member.*

RATING ExcellentCOVERAGE C.P. @ StocktonModesto, Calif.

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SF 1604-S



During the past three months, this informant has afforded excellent coverage of Communist Party (CP) activities in San Joaquin County, California. He continues to be an active member of the Stockton, California Club in San Joaquin County. He has also furnished information assisting in the coverage of CP activities in neighboring Stanislaus County. He is the head of his CP club at Stockton, California.

SF 1604-S attends CP meetings regularly and furnishes prompt and thorough reports. He attends Independent Progressive Party (IPP) meetings regularly. This has been the only organized CP front organization in this area. Although the IPP in the State of California has been disbanded, the Stockton IPP group continues to meet with the objective of working on issues of interest to the CP.

Having been a member of the CP since 1948, SF 1604-S furnishes considerable information regarding former CP members and sympathizers. He has continued to be prompt and factual in his reporting.

SF 1604-S remains in close contact with the local CP leaders as well as those in Stanislaus County. He is presently assisting the CP Organizer in this area in distributing leaflets and soliciting funds for the CP.

His loyalty to the Bureau and the United States is beyond question. Recently, while unemployed, he turned down positions with the State and Federal Government so as not to compromise his efforts in behalf of the Bureau. A suitable position in private industry has been obtained for this informant.

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He formerly sold real estate; however, he left this employment when the CP questioned the right to sell property containing a restrictive covenant.

SF 1604-S has no known personal weaknesses [redacted]

[redacted] He is a very high-type individual and there is no question regarding his mental stability. He has never been a security problem or cause of embarrassment to the Bureau and there is no indication that he will be so in the future.

[redacted]

CITY San Francisco, Calif.

DATE 4/4/55

Request of ~~Special Agent in Charge~~, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted Box]

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 12/14/55

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TO : SAC 

DATE: 4/20/55

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FROM : SA *Joseph T. Kelly*SUBJECT: *SF 1604-S*C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. ☒ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: *3/28/55 4/4, 6, 20/55*

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

*100-21286 (CP San Joaquin Co)*

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ☒*See written reports*

PERSONAL DATA:

RATING *Excellent*  
COVERAGE *CP @ Stockton  
Modesto, Calif.*

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SAC (100-31236)

April 25, 1955

SA RICHARD F. SAVAGE

OF ASTORIA, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 3/14/55. This report, dated 3/5/55, is not our verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
March 9, 1955"

"The EDWARD KENNEDY's had at their dinner guests, EDWARD and EMERILIA EYLER on the evening of Thursday, March 3, 1955. The EYLERs did not arrive until about 7:00 PM and excused themselves by saying EDWARD CLARKNEY had stopped at their house and that he had called them. They said that CLARKNEY had lost his job in Redondo because of his being hard of hearing.

"A tour of the French Camp area was made following dinner by EDWARD KENNEDY and EDWARD EYLER and they put leaflets behind the flags of the rural mail boxes for the California Emergency Defense Committee."

On 4/2/55 [redacted] orally advised the writer that the above-mentioned CEC leaflets were distributed at French Camp, California by Stockton, California Communist Party members, EDWARD EYLER and EDWARD KENNEDY, on instructions from EDWARD EYLER who is the CP Organizer for San Joaquin County, California. [redacted] further advised that there is no organized CEC committee in Stockton and that this work is carried out by the Stockton Communist Party.

Recommendation:

No action recommended.

Enclosure  
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cc: 100-32804 (Edward EYLER)  
100-31322 (Steve Cummings)  
100-31126 (Emmerilia EYLER)

[redacted] (CP 100-3)  
100- (California Emergency Defense Committee)

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TO : SAC (97-27)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD  
IS - C

DATE: April 25, 1955

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 3/11/55. This report, dated 3/9/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
March 9, 1955

"A spaghetti dinner was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home for the Daily People's World Circulation Drive on Sunday, March 6, 1955. Those attending were:

ARTHUR and LURA WALTER  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
LOUIS FESTIS COLEMAN  
MARY C. EASTER  
VINCENT KABEERE  
LEO KONOPKO  
LARRY KILMER  
JACK JILBERT  
MASON -- representative from the People's World staff.

RFS:dsm  
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ccs: 100-21286 (CP, San Joaquin County)  
100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
100-31146 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100- (Mary Christmans Easter)  
100-36175 (Louis Festus Coleman)  
100-36230 (Leo Konopko)  
100- (Mason Roberson)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
100-31186 (Vince Cabebe)  
[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

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100-33528 (Henry Saunders)  
100-35233 (Mary Preston Saunders)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)

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"LOUIS COLEMAN and MARY EASTER did not stay for the meeting because COLEMAN had not understood what the meeting was for and he told HOWARD KEYLOR he was not sure about MARY EASTER's attitude and since he is still on parole he did not want to take any chances.

"San Joaquin County's goal on subscriptions was met after a 'pep' talk from the paper's representative.

"The MASON's were the luncheon guests of Attorney SAUNDERS and his wife in Stockton for that day, because they did not understand that dinner was being served at the THOMPSON's.

"A small collection was taken for the dinner, but it only covered about one third the cost of the meal."

[redacted] on 4/4/55, orally advised the writer that the above Daily People's World benefit dinner was sponsored by the Communist Party of Stockton, California; however, it is noted that it was not announced as being sponsored by the CP and the CP was not mentioned at this dinner.

RECOMMENDATION:

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No action recommended.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF [REDACTED]

DATE: April 25, 1955

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by [REDACTED] on 3/31/55. This report, dated 3/29/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Stockton, Calif.  
"Mar. 29-55

"On Mar. 18 there was a social get together at the home of Mr. & Mrs. H.D. THOMPSON, Rt. 1 - Box 2498 Lathrop, Calif. Present were: H. & L. M. THOMPSON, L. NOLAND (the guest of honor) L. KILMER, E. KEYLOR, L & A. WALTER, L. KONOPKO, JACK JILBERT. No discussions all social. Regular meeting of Stkn. Club scheduled Apr. 1 - home of A. WALTER, 1145 E. Lafayette St."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

RFS:dam *dam*  
(10)

ccs: 100-28425 (Leila Noland)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)  
100-31146 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-36230 (Leo Konopko)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
100-28062 (Cominfil, IPP, San Joaquin County)  
[REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (97-27)  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD  
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DATE: April 25, 1955

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by [ ]  
[ ] on 3/18/55. This report, dated 3/11/55, is set out verbatim and  
the original is maintained in [ ]

"Stockton, Calif.  
"Mar. 15 - 55

"There were meetings called for <sup>1.P.P.</sup>~~2.P.P.~~ Feb. 25. & Mar. 4. but lack of at-  
tendance no meeting carried out. On 2-25- at 8-P.M. - 1145 East Lafayette,  
present were L.&A. WALTER, LEO KONOPKO, H. & L.M. THOMPSON. Mar 4 - 8 - P.M.  
1145 - E. Lafayette present L. & A. WALTER, L. KILMER, E. KEYLOR & L. KONOPKO,  
no meeting. Mar. 6 - Rt. 1 Box 2498 - Lathrop Calif there was a Peoples  
World get together at 2 - P.M. Present L. KONOPKO, L & A WALTER, H. & E.  
KEYLOR, LARRY KILMER, VINCE CABEBE, H. & L.M. THOMPSON, JACK JILBERT & MASON  
ROBERTSON, S.F. Stockton have its P.W. quota for the year and more San  
Joaquin Co. is included with Stkn. 5 subs was the required quota. L. WALTER  
renewed for 6 mos. M. ROBERTSON made a talk on the paper and methods of get-  
ting peoples interests and how to try for subs. He said talk to all the  
people we could past your papers on to others. He said that because of in-  
criminating reasons some can not subscribe in their names but orders can be  
had by budget and delivered in person. There are some routes in the Bay AREA.  
He asked that any items of interest on farming problems etc. in S.J. Valley  
please be sent in for publication."

RFS:dam *dam*  
(14)

ccs: 100-36230 (Leo Konopko)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)  
100-31146 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
100-31186 (Vince Cabebe)  
100- (Mason Roberson)  
100-28062J (Cominfil, IPP, San Joaquin  
County)

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100-21286 (CP, San Joaquin County)

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On 4/4/55, [redacted] orally advised the writer b7D  
that the proposed meeting, mentioned above, to be held on 2/25/55 and on  
3/4/55 were to be meetings of the Independent Progressive Party group at  
Stockton, California. They stated that although the IPP has formally dis-  
solved, this group continues to meet to discuss and work on issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (97-27)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD  
IS - C

DATE: April 25, 1955

The following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 3/18/55. This report, dated 3/11/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton, Calif.

"Mar. 11 - 55

"There were meetings called on Feb. 25 & Mar. 4 but because of lack in attendance, no meeting carried out. On Feb. 25 - 8 - P.M. - 11145 E. Lafayette. Present was L. KONOPKO, L & A. WALTER & H. & L.M. THOMPSON. On Mar. 4 - 55 - 8 - P.M. - 11145 E. Lafayette St. Present L. & A WALTER, L. KILMER & E. KEYLOR. No meeting. On Mar 6 - there was a P.W. get together at 2 - P.M. Rt. 1 - Box 2498 Lathrop Calif. at H. THOMPSONs home. Present were L. KONOPKO, L. & A. WALTER, L. KILMER, H. & E. KEYLOR, H. & L. M. THOMPSON, JACK JILBERT, VINCE CABEBE, & MASON ROBERTSON S.F. Stockton has its P.W. quota for the year and more. 5 was required. LURA WALTER renewed sub. for 6 mos. M. ROBERTSON made a talk on the paper and methods of getting peoples interest and subs. He said to talk to all the people available and pass your paper on to others and he also said that because of incriminating reasons some can not subscribe in their names but one can always order by budget and deliver in person. He also asked that anyone hearing items of interests in San Joaquin valley to please send it in to be published!

On 4/4/55, [redacted] and [redacted] orally advised the writer that the proposed meeting, mentioned above, to be held on 2/25/55 and 3/4/55 were to be meetings of the Independent Progressive Party group at Stockton.

RFS:dam c/c  
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ccs: 100-36230 (Leo Konopko)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)  
100-31146 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
100-311486 (Vince Cabebe)  
100- (Mason Robertson)  
100-28062J (Cominfil, IPP, San Joaquin )  
100-21286 (CP. San Joaquin County)

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
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They stated that although the IPP has formally dissolved, this group continues to meet to discuss and work on issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF SF 2022-S

DATE: April 25, 1955

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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF [REDACTED] on 3/31/55. This report dated 3/29/55 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Stockton, Calif.

"Mar. 29 - 55

"Mar. 18 there was a social gathering at the home of H. & L. M. THOMPSON Rt. 1 Box 2498 Lathrop Calif in honor of LEILA NOLAND who was visiting for a week. Pres was L. KONOPKO, THOMPSONS, L. & A. WALTER, J. JILBERT, LARRY KILMER & E. KEYLOR. All social Regular meeting of Stkn Club scheduled Apr. 1 - at 1145 E. Lafayette St. home of A. & L. WALTER."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

RFS:dam *dam*  
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ccs: 100-28425 (Leila Noland)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)  
100-31446 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-36230 (Leo Konopko)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
100-28062J (Cominfil, IPP, San Joaquin County)  
[REDACTED] (SF 1604-S)  
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CITY San Francisco, Calif.

DATE

5/3/55

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI,

San Francisco

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

Signed:

Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 3/17/55

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W. M. Whelan

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 

DATE: 5/19/55

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FROM : SA Robert F. Savage

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. ☒ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 4/26, 29/55 5/3, 9, 12, 13/55

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-21286 (CP, San Joaquin Co.)  
100-25624 (Samuel Oliver)  
100-31938 (Audrey Oliver)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ☒*See written reports*

SF 1604-S advised on 5/3/55 that Samuel & Audrey Oliver have not been associated with the CP @ Stockton, Calif. since his appeal to the Coast Guard screening board was refused in 1951.

## PERSONAL DATA:

RATING ExcellentCOVERAGE CP @ Stockton, Calif.  
4 @ Modesto, Calif.*Note this informant*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SA

DATE: MAY 24 1955

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

RE : PROSAB

Rememo 12/24/53, which instructs that informants be contacted and alerted for any indication of unusual interest in the operation of Strategic Air Command Bases, Travis Air Force Base being within this program. This memorandum further instructed that informants were to be recontacted at least every six months with reference to this program. A notation should be made in the file  reflecting this recontact.

In recontacting informants extreme care should be used not to pinpoint the operation of this base as being any different than that of any other base, and informant should be instructed to report any unusual interest concerning any military installation.

Informant SF-1604-S

Date of Recontact 6/3/55

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*recontact noted  
admn. tickler made  
for 6-3-55  
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(2) Viola Malosetti	<i>WPS</i>

SAS (100-295062)

May 26, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted]  
on 4/22/55. This report, dated 4/20/55, is set out verbatim and the original  
is maintained in [redacted]

"Stockton, Calif.

"April 20 - 55

"There were regular meetings of IPP club on Apr. 1 - and 15 at 2115 E. Lafayette  
St. Present were L & A WALKER, H. KEYLOR, L. KENCZKO, H. & L.M. THOMPSON. There  
was discussion on Legislature and it was decided for each member to write to  
Representatives on pressing the issues as they arise in Congress. It was decided  
to change the name of the club to some name that will sound more inviting toward  
bringing others into the club."

RECOMMENDATION:

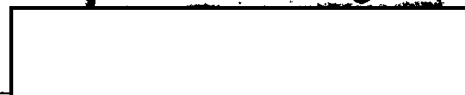
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cc: 100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
100- (Leo Kenczko)  
[redacted] (SF 1604-3)



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SAC (100-29506)

May 26, 1955

SA ROBERT F. DEVLIN

COMMTEL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 4/22/55. This report, dated 4/22/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Stockton, Calif.  
"April 22, 55

"There were regular meetings of IPP club on Apr. 1 and 15 at 1115 E. Lafayette St. Present were L. & A. WALTER, H. KEYLER, L. KONTAKO, H. & L. M. FERGUSON. There was discussion on legislation and it was decided that each member write to Representatives on pressing issues as they arise in Congress. It was decided that the name be changed to one more inviting toward bringing in others to the club."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action. File.

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cc: 100-29506 (Howard Keyler)  
100- (Lee Kuntz)  
[redacted] (EZ 1604-S)

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SAC (100-21153)

May 26, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SKYLER

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted] on 4/22/55. This report, dated 4/19/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"April 19, 1955"

"GRACE and DAVE FORBES of Berkeley stopped at the HOWARD THOMPSON home to ask for directions to find HEILA NOLAN's home at Wilkeyville. They left the THOMPSON home at about 11:30 AM. This was on Sunday, March 27, 1955."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action. File.

RFS:dam  
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cc: 100-28425 (Heila Nolan)  
100- (Dave Forbes)  
100- (Grace Griffiths Forbes)  
[redacted] (100-3)  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-23253)  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: WALTER MICHENER  
SM-C

DATE: 6/3/55

The above subject was interviewed by SA GLENN A. HARTER and SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 4/29/55 at the Stockton, Calif., RA. The subject at this time furnished limited information re his membership in the CP in the 1930's up to the time the CPA was formed in the early 1940's.

The subject on 5/19/55 voluntarily advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE that he had been a member of the CP at Stockton, Calif., from the late 1930's until the CPA was formed. He stated that he was a member of the CPA during World War II and left at the end of the war. He further advised that he was re-admitted into the CP in 1946 and was sponsored by GEORGE McCOMB at this time. He stated that he dropped out and during 1948 LEILA NOLAND sponsored his membership into the CP at Stockton, Calif. According to the subject, he attended a few meetings during 1948 and early 1949. The subject advised that he knew LEILA NOLAND, RAY MORKOWSKI, and HOWARD THOMPSON to be members of the CP in 1948. The subject further advised that he knew DOROTHY WOODFORD to be the President of the Stockton Peace Council in about 1951 or 1952 and that he considered her to be a member of the CP. He stated that WOODFORD ran the SPC on instructions from the leaders in SF. He stated that he considered the SF leaders of the Peace Council to be Communists, but did not personally know this to be true.

RFS:RJH  
(11)

CC: 100-30500 (DEFECTED COMMUNISTS)  
100-21286 (CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
100-28062J (IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
100-35993 (STOCKTON PEACE COUNCIL)  
100-28049 (RAY MORKOWSKI)  
100-32493 (GEORGE McCOMB)  
100-28425 (LEILA NOLAND)  
100-23562 (DOROTHY WOODFORD)  
[redacted] (SF-1604-S)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

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MEMO  
RFS:RJH  
SF 100-23253

Subject further advised that LEILA NOLAND, whom he knew to be a Communist, was the leader and guiding force behind the IPP in Stockton, Calif.; and that she received her instructions from what he presumed to be the CP leadership in SF. He further advised that he knew HOWARD KEYLOR to be a member of the IPP at Stockton, Calif.

RECOMMENDATION: File.

CITY San Francisco, Calif.

DATE 6/3/55

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 3/17/55

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APPROVED:

W. M. Whelan  
SAC *Wm*

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-375848)

6/10/55

SAC, [REDACTED]

SF 1604-S

Remylet dated 3/17/55.

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He remains in close contact with the leadership of the CP in neighboring Stanislaus County.

SF 1604-S [REDACTED]

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SF 1604-S has no known personal weaknesses [redacted] b7D  
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Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media.

[redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

DATE: June 15, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 5/16/55. This report, dated 5/13/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"May 13, 1955

"There was a Communist Party meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, May 12, 1955. HOWARD KEYLOR arrived for the meeting at about 7:00 PM.

"KEYLOR stated that he had received a message from RUDY LAMBERT stating that there would be no meeting in San Francisco on Sunday, May 15, 1955. This meeting had been planned to discuss the situation involving the THOMPSONS and the Party. KEYLOR said there is to be a Regional meeting in San Francisco on Sunday May 29, 1955 and that at that time he would suggest an alternate date of Saturday June 4th to RUDY LAMBERT and that he would also tell LAMBERT that the THOMPSON want him to be present at any future meetings held on the situation. This proposed meeting would be at the THOMPSON's.

"BILL WEBER told KEYLOR that he would furnish all the bowls necessary to plant trees for the People's World Bazaar. LILLA NOLAND is furnishing the trees.

"No date was set for the next meeting."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

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ccs [redacted]

100-31165 (Bill Weber) [redacted]

(SF 1604-S)  
100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
100-28425 (Lilla Noland)  
61-409 (Rude Lambert)  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-26388 (CP, Stanislaus Co.)  
100-17989 (CP, Sacramento Co.)  
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TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

DATE: June 15, 1955

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"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"April 29, 1955

"On Wednesday evening April 27, 1955, HOWARD THOMPSON brought HOWARD KEYLOR home with him when he came home from work. They arrived at about 6:00 PM. and found that JACK JILBERT was there, having arrived at about 5:40 PM. They both had dinner with the THOMPSON's and then at 7:00 PM, HOWARD KEYLOR, acting as chairman, called a meeting of the Communist Party.

"KEYLOR stated that there had been several organizational problems in the Region and that all of them had been solved except for the local situation. The State Committee had asked him to arrange another meeting with the THOMPSON's in San Francisco at 1:00 PM on May 15, 1955. This date was approved by THOMPSON's and KEYLOR said he would go along and they would make their contact in San Francisco and proceed from there to the meeting. KEYLOR asked permission from restrictive covenants and at his request, RUDY LAMBERT will supply the Committee with information in the Party files on other cases on restricted covenants.

"On June 15th the fund drive for the People's World will start and the county goal is \$250.00. KEYLOR reported that someone in Stanislaus County told him they will donate peaches to San Joaquin County to be canned for the People's World Bazaar. JACK JILBERT agreed to donate 50 pounds of sugar and LULU MAE THOMPSON said she would organize the canning with the help of a couple of

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
61-409 (Rude Lambert)  
100-28425 (Leila Noland)  
100-11596 (NAACP)  
100-32046 (Varel C. Murry)  
100-27793 (CP, Leg. Acts.)  
97-27 (DPW)

100-31499 (ANMA)  
100-27792 (CP, Farmers Matters)

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other women. The jars will be furnished by the paper and KEYLOR said he would get a letter off asking for 50 pints and 75 quarts for the area.

"HOWARD KEYLOR said he was told that plants also sell very well at the bazaar and HOWARD THOMPSON suggested we supply planters, and bowls to LEILA NOLAND to plant seedling live oak trees in, since she has them on her place at Wilseyville.

"The Club that KEYLOR belongs to has agreed to raise 75.00 of the County quota. KEYLOR requested that HOWARD THOMPSON donate a days wages to the drive. JILBERT objected to this, saying the THOMPSON's were doing their share if they donated time, labor and fuel for canning the fruit and took charge of getting materials to LEILA NOLAND and then getting the trees down from Wilseyville. He said he felt that only those who do not take an active part in raising funds should be expected to donate a days pay. KEYLOR was not quite satisfied but finally accepted this opinion.

"The Stockton NAACP, according to KEYLOR is becoming much more active and they are making every effort to have more Negroes employed in Stockton industries. They are making a file up of qualified personnel to be used in placing Negroes in local plants.

"THOMPSON took KEYLOR home at about 9:30 PM and when they arrived at KEYLORs they found a note informing them of the death of CURLY MURRAY and his son-in-law JULIAN VALDEZ. They were killed in wreck in Sonoma County on Monday, April 25, 1955.

"Another point brought up during the meeting was the situation of agricultural labor in relation to the Mexican Nationals. The Party is planning to hold a State-wide conference sometime soon to discuss this situation."

RECOMMENDATION:

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SAC (100-21236)

June 16, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 6/9/55. This report, dated 6/6/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"June 6, 1955

"On Thursday evening, June 2, 1955, HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON stopped at the HOWARD KEYLER home at about 5:00 PM. HOWARD KEYLER returned from work at about 5:15. He told the THOMPSONs that he did not have any news for them because he had not been able to make any 'contact' on the date the last Regional Meeting had been scheduled. He said he did not know what had gone wrong."

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/9/55 that the Regional Meeting referred to in the report was to be a meeting of the leaders of the CP officials from the outlying counties in Northern California with Communist Party State of California leaders. This meeting was to be held on 5/29/55 in San Francisco, California.

RECOMMENDATION:

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cc: [redacted]

(CP 1604-9)  
100-29506 (Howard Keyler)  
100-17937 (CP, Sacramento County)  
100-26383 (CP, Stanislaus County)  
100-21237 (CP, Butte County)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

DATE: 6/20/55

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. X P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 5/23,24,31/55 6/3,6,9,16/55

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

CP San Joaquin county (100-21286)

CP Stanislaus county (100-36288)

Vince Cabebe (122-103)  
Isaac F. Dashiell (100-40697)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: X

see written reports

no info re Dashiell  
no info re Cabebe

PERSONAL DATA:

RATING ExcellentCOVERAGE CP San Joaquin County  
& CP Stanislaus County

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-375848)

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SAC, [REDACTED]

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SF 1604-S

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This individual is White, male, born July 17, 1909 in Benzie County, Michigan. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, received from a correspondence school in Chicago, Illinois. He was an officer in the U. S. Navy, serving from 1929 to 1933 and from 1942 to 1946, being discharged with the rank of Lieutenant (jg). He is presently employed as a machinist. Prior employments were that of real estate salesman and Government work in Stockton, California.

SF 1604-S has been married to his present wife since December 30, 1950. He married his present wife after receiving a final divorce decree from his first wife. His first wife had no knowledge as to his activities as an informant for the FBI.

At the present time the wife of the informant is about four months pregnant and doctors have stated that they do not believe her baby is now living.

SF 1604-S suffered a mild heart attack in 1950 and because of this heart attack was compelled to discontinue all activities as an informant and all employment for several months.

This informant became active in the Communist Party with the knowledge of the FBI. He continually reports to the FBI on Communist Party activities in Stockton, California. He joined the Communist Party in Stockton, California in 1948. He discontinued contacts with the Party for a few months in 1950, after suffering a heart attack, and discontinued his association with the Communist Party for a short time in 1951 while employed by the Federal Government. Since late 1951 he has been the Chairman of a Communist Party Club in Stockton, California.

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Informant has served as Educational Director of his Communist Party Club and is highly regarded by the membership. He is well acquainted with Communist Party members in the other Clubs in Stockton, as well as his own. Informant has meetings with the top leaders of the Communist Party in the Central Valley area of California, as well as some Communist Party leaders on a State level.

This informant recently became involved in a dispute with the head of another Communist Party Club in Stockton. This dispute caused such feelings that a full-scale investigation by the State Communist Party leadership has been conducted. Present indications are that the informant's position is viewed with favor by the State Communist Party leadership. It is quite possible that as a result of this dispute the informant may become the regular contact between the State Communist Party leadership and the Central Valley area of California. This will greatly increase the informant's value and coverage obtained from him.

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FBI, SAN FRANCISCO (100-40740)

6/27/55

DIRECTOR, FBI

ADMIN.

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ReBulet 6/24/55, authorizing Departmental Attorneys [redacted]  
and [redacted] to interview [redacted]  
[redacted]

Enclosed herewith are five copies of blind memorandum for  
each informant except [redacted]

[redacted] is unavailable for interview because [redacted]  
[redacted] Background information on this informant will  
be promptly submitted.

WILLIAM

PAID: [redacted]

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Enclosure 20

cc: [redacted]

(Two copies of each of the attached memoranda will be filed  
in the informant's administrative file and not in COMPROG-SF.)

SAC, San Francisco (100-20062-J)

June 7, 1955

SA ROBERT F. DAVENPORT

COMMUNIST, CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to  
SA ROBERT F. DAVENPORT by [redacted] on 6/16/55. This report, dated  
6/15/55, is not cut verbatim and the original is maintained in  
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Stockton, Calif.

June 15, 1955

There was a regular meeting of  
I.P.P. club May 27 - 1115 E. Lafayette  
St. Present were Leo Konojko, Edward  
Keylor, Anna Walter, H. & L. H. HILTON.  
Report on the H.C. meeting and banquet  
in S.F. May 13 - More discussion on Log.  
but no letters written. There is to be a  
congress from L.A. coming through Sblm.  
Sat. 6-18 any one from Sblm wishing to  
go may contact L.A. and do so. This  
group is Everybody Com to outlaw war and its  
marching on the U.N. meeting in S.F. Sun. 19  
then return. Don't know if any one in to  
go from Sblm.

(SIGNED) [redacted]

No action recommended. File

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cc: 100-20230  
100-20566

(LEO KONOJKO)  
(EDWARD KEYLOR)

[redacted]  
([redacted])

(EVERYBODY'S COMMITTEE TO OUTLAW WAR)  
(NATIONAL GUARDIAN)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21206)

JUL 7, 1955

SA ROBERT F. DAVEN

OF INVESTIGATION, SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
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The following written report was furnished to SA  
ROBERT F. DAVEN by [redacted] on 6/17/55. This report, dated 6/16/55,  
is not yet verified and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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**"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
June 16, 1955"**

On Wednesday evening, June 15, 1955,  
Edward Keylor arrived at the Edward Thompson home  
for a Communist Party meeting. After the meeting which  
was a political discussion of an article in the  
April issue of Political Affairs dealing with the  
possibility of forming a third party for the 1956  
elections, Keylor stated that, at the last Regional  
meeting, arrangements had been made with him for  
Ray Lambert and two others from the State Committee  
to meet at the Thompson's on Thursday evening,  
June 16, 1955 to try to solve the problem of the  
Thompson. Some members of the other Stockton  
Club will be present at the meeting and Keylor  
stated that having Lolla Island present, but was  
informed by Thompson that her car is in the garage  
being repaired, and therefore she would have no way  
of getting to the meeting.

(SIGNED [redacted])

No action recommended. ELD.

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(EDWARD KEYLOR)  
(RAY LAMBERT)  
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Request of ~~Special Agent in Charge~~, FBI;

San Francisco

for information concerning the case entitled

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

Signed:

Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 3/17/55

APPROVED:

W. M. Whelan

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Informant's File No.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC

FROM: SA ALFRED P. CLARK

SUBJECT: BURT GALE NELSON, was.  
IS - C  
(OC - PORTLAND)  
(SF 100-10107)

DATE: 7-15-55

HELEN HILL NELSON, was.  
SM - C  
(OO - PORTLAND)  
(SF 100-36988)

JOHN HANS MATZKA  
SM - C  
(OO - NY)  
(SF 100-40808)

LEE HEIM MATZKA, was.  
SM - C  
(OO - NY)  
(SF 100-40808)

Subjects are missing. May be in Communist Party Underground. May be colonizers living under true or fictitious names. Discuss with logical informants. Where you do, you may note results on this serial and return to SA CLARK. Where contact with informants illogical, note serial to that effect and return.

BURT GALE NELSON, was., R. J. RYAN, BOB MASON, GORDON PARKER, BURT

Description: White  
Born 5-10-10, Wichita, Kansas  
5' 11"  
185 lbs.  
Brown hair  
Brown eyes  
Medium complexion  
Scar in right eyebrow

NELSON was living with his wife, HELEN HILL NELSON, in Portland under the names GORDON and KAY PARKER. He was known in the Underground as BOB MASON. They disappeared from their apartment in Portland around June 4th, leaving their car and some personal effects. HELEN notified employer that her husband had a job in California.

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MEMO, SAC  
APC:pag

HELEN HILL NELSON, was., HELEN MAY HILL, HELEN MAY TACKETT, MRS.  
ROBERT RYAN, JOAN RYAN, KAY VIVIAN PARKER

Description: White  
Born 1-21-11, Ferndale, Washington  
5'2"  
130 lbs.  
Brown hair  
brown eyes  
medium complexion  
wears glasses

JOHN HANS MATZKA

Born: 1924, Austria  
Race; White  
Sex: Male  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 185 lbs.  
Hair: Light brown  
Occupation: Book translator, Assistant Editor of  
Publishing House

LEE HEIM MATZKA, was., MRS. JOHN HANS MATZKA, LISELOTTE MATZKA, LEE HEIM

Born: 1924, Austria  
Race; White  
Sex: Female  
Height: 5' 3"  
Weight: 130 lbs.  
Hair: Dark  
Occupation: Chemist

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: SF 160/-S

DATE: 7/19/55

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C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. X P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 6/24/55, 7/5,8,12,15,18/55

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

CP, USA (100-11889)  
CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (100-21286)  
CP,, STANISLAUS COUNTY (100-26388)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: X

See written reports.

PERSONAL DATA:

RATING ExcellentCOVERAGE CP, SAN JOAQUIN &  
STANISLAUS COUNTIES

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SAC, San Francisco (100-40740)

July 22, 1955

SA FRANCIS E. GALLAGHER

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Departmental Attorneys WILLIAM ENGLISH and WILLIAM HUNDLEY interviewed five San Francisco informants in connection with prosecutions in San Francisco under the Smith Act of 1940. Bureau authority for these interviews was received. The interviews were conducted to give the attorneys some idea of the personalities involved so as to be able to determine if the informants would be effective witnesses. No mention was made of the contemplated prosecutions. Questions were restricted to the informants' background and Communist Party history.

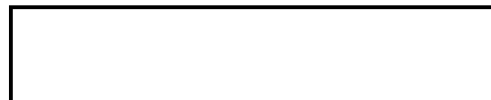
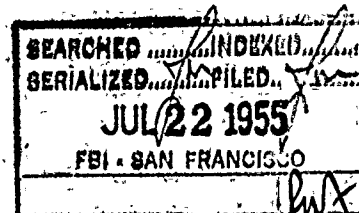
All the informants were completely co-operative. According to Bureau instructions only necessary security precautions were exercised and the informants were introduced to the attorneys by their true names.

The following is factual data concerning the interviews:

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<u>Informant Symbol No.</u>	<u>Date of Interview</u>	<u>Attorney Conducting Interview</u>	<u>Agents Present</u>
	6-17-55	WILLIAM ENGLISH	FRANCIS E. GALLAGHER STANLEY FEESTER
	6-25-55	WILLIAM HUNDLEY	FRANCIS E. GALLAGHER PETER T. SEXTON
SF 1604-S	6-25-55	WILLIAM HUNDLEY	FRANCIS E. GALLAGHER ROBERT F. SAVAGE
	6-25-55	WILLIAM ENGLISH	A. P. CLARK E. THIBAUT
	6-24-55	WILLIAM ENGLISH WILLIAM HUNDLEY	A. P. CLARK LEO SCHON

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

DATE: July 27, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 7/11/55. This report, dated 7/9/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"HOWARD KEYLOR visited the HOWARD THOMPSONS on Tuesday evening, July 5, 1955, arriving at about 7:45 PM. He stated that he was a little confused as to the instructions that LARRY KILMER and EVANGELINE KEYLOR were to follow in making their charges against the THOMPSONS. He asked that HOWARD THOMPSON write a letter answering the charges and also making a clear statement that he was not charging him (KEYLOR) with being an FBI stool pigeon when he questioned about KEYLOR's job with the State.

"THOMPSON stated that RUDY LAMBERT had requested that EVANGELINE and LARRY get written statements from all those people who had charged that THOMPSON was an FBI agent and that, when he had received the statements he would call another meeting of all those concerned with the charges. THOMPSON stated that he was not supposed to write a letter answering the charges because the meeting was being called for that purpose.

"KEYLOR mentioned that among those charging THOMPSON were DAVE FORBES, DELMER BERG, JACK DODSON and SAM OLIVER."

RECOMMENDATION:

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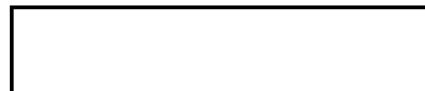
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61-409 (Rude Lambert)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)  
100-31446 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-31335 (Dave Forbes)  
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TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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DATE: July 27, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 7/5/55. This report, dated 6/30/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"JACK JILBERT stopped at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Sunday morning, June 26, 1955, at 10:00 AM. He visited with HOWARD THOMPSON in the yard and only stopped in the house a few minutes as LULU MAE THOMPSON was not well.

"That evening, at about 8:30 PM, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived with the baby. He brought the flower pots donated by BILL WEBER for the People's World Bazaar and he held a short discussion with HOWARD THOMPSON on the discussion held at the meeting at the THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, June 23, 1955. KEYLOR said he knew RUDY LAMBERT did not approve of all the matters he had brought up but he had felt that it was necessary to clear the situation to discuss all questions."

RECOMMENDATION:

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[ ] (SF 1604-S)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
61-409 (Rude Lambert)  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-31165 (Bill Weber)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)

Date: 8/2/55

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 7/22/55. This report, dated 7/20/55, is set out verbatim, and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
" Stockton, California  
"July 20, 1955

"A meeting, for the purpose of reorganizing the Communist party in Stockton, was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, July 14, 1955. RUDY LAMBERT and LEE "KUTNIK" arrived at about 6:45 PM. LEE stated that they did not feel that they were well enough acquainted with the members in the Stockton group to make a decision so they wanted all concerned to take a "re-affirmation test". This test consisted of a set of questions that were to be answered in writing, studied by them and then destroyed. The THOMPSONs were asked to start their question answering right away, which would give time to interview them while the others involved were writing.

"Some of the questions asked were:

"Where and when were you born and what is your race.

"Your parents names, where and when born and if not citizens, where do they claim citizenship, and how may were in the family.

"Religious, educational, and political background, and political background of parents.

"Your reason for joining the party.

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CC: 100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-17111 (LEE KUTNIK)  
61-409 (RUDY LAMBERT)  
100-11889 (CP, Dist. 13, USA)  
100-25687 (CP, Security)  
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"Had anyone ever charged you with Chauvinism, and why and what was the outcome.  
"Were you married and how many times, and names of former mates or anyone with whom you had had 'personal relations'.  
"Had the FBI ever questioned you and what were the circumstances.  
"What do you consider your best points, your weakest.  
"What do you think your position in the party is and what, in your opinion is the best way for you to serve the party.  
"What would be your criticism of local party members or of the Party itself.  
"What is your regular reading material.  
"What person is most capable of evaluating your worth to the party.  
"Name your closest friends.  
"What is wrong with the Peace movement in your opinion.

"HOWARD KEYLOR and LARRY KILMAR joined the meeting at about 7:30 PM. The turned some letters over to RUDY LAMBERT. These were not letters from others substantiating their charges against the THOMPSONs, but were written by EVANGELINE KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER and there was one from HOWARD KEYLOR in which he was trying to justify himself for signing the Levering Act Pledge.

"While KEYLOR and KILMER were answering their questionnaires, LULU MAE THOMPSON was interviewed by LEE and LAMBERT. She was questioned about her background in the Party and admitted to very little background in the Party. She said she had very little knowledge of Party history or political background, but was told by LEE and LAMBERT that she was not to blame for this because her

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should have held classes to train her, and that the answers she had given to the questions showed that she had the background, education, and belief in basic party principles that would lead her to becoming a good Party member.

"After each person had been interviewed, LAMBERT stated that they wanted to hold another meeting for political discussion and plans were made to meet in San Francisco on Sunday, July 24th at 11:00 AM in the parking lot in back of Sears Roebuck, and to proceed from there to the meeting place.

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Action recommended: FILE



OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: ALL SECURITY INFORMANT FILES      DATE: 8/10/55  
FROM: Supervisor HARRY F. CLIFFORD, JR.  
SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FLASH NOTICES  
RE SECURITY INFORMANTS

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Manual of Instructions, Volume IV, Section 107G,  
page 6, reads as follows:

"After an informant has been developed, and unless some reason to the contrary exists, his fingerprints are to be obtained if they are not on file in the Identification Division. If the informant refuses, the issue is not to be forced. The informant's fingerprints are to be removed from the criminal file when the use of the informant is discontinued. A flash notice will be placed in the files of the Identification Division for each informant who has fingerprints on file."

If informant's fingerprints are already on file in the Identification Division of the Bureau,, a Security Flash Notice should be placed by submitting a letter to the Bureau, Attention Identification Division.

The above instructions should be complied with immediately.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 8/15/55

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 8/1/55. This report, dated 7/29/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

"Howard and Evangeline Keylor, Larry Kilmer, and Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson went to San Francisco on Sunday, July 24, 1955. Lee Kutnik met them in the Sears Roebuck parking lot at the corner of Army and Mission Streets at 11:00 AM. She took the Thompsons in her car and the rest followed in the Keylor's car. Lee led them to Rudy Lambert's apartment on Joost Street.

"The agenda, as proposed by chairman Lee Kutnik was as follows:

- A. discussion of Party security
- B. Loyalty oaths and Party policy concerning them
- C. recommendation of the committee on the difficulties in San Joaquin County.

"Chairman Lee Kutnik opened the discussion on security and announced that the Security Committee could find no basis for the belief of the Keylor and Larry Kilmer that the Thompsons were stool pigeons. It was the belief of the committee that they may have relaxed security in questioning one member about another, but they did not feel that this was done purposefully. Evangeline Keylor had charged that Dave Forbes was also suspicious of the Thompsons and Lambert stated that he had contacted Forbes, who stated that he had never been suspicious of them and it was a complete misunderstanding on Evangeline's part. Lambert then brought up the fact that Howard Keylor used to discuss all Party business and members with Evangeline before she had become a member of the Party and pointed out to Evangeline that this was a serious violation of Security and that Howard Keylor had just

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100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-17111 (LEE KUTNIK)  
61-409 (RUDE LAMBERT)  
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)  
100-11889 (CP, USA)  
100-31335 (DAVE FORBES)  
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100-27286 (VIRGIL COLE)

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lately been guilty of the same thing when he drove a State car to an IPP meeting.

"The discussion was dropped while lunch was served and after lunch Lee led the discussion into the policy of the Party in respect to members who sign loyalty oaths. The policy was established when the original law was passed requiring loyalty oaths on civil service jobs and it has never been changed. The Party leaves the decision of whether to sign or not to sign entirely up to the member, but if they sign any oath, whether State or Federal, where they are saying they are not a member of the Party they must be dropped from membership. At such time as the suspended member is no longer working under a loyalty oath, he can apply for readmission to the Party through the proper channels. Keylor stated that the Levering Act, which both he and Kilmer had signed, could not be considered a law because it had never been declared so by the Supreme Court. It was pointed out to him that regardless of the status of the law he had committed perjury in signing the oath and that was the charge that could be used against him. Lambert also criticised some statements made by Keylor in his written statement to the committee in which he set his own opinions above those of the Party and its leaders.

"Lambert then told Kilmer that he was using very poor judgement in the type of letters he was writing to the Editor of the Stockton Record and to the People's World. He quoted one letter in particular in which Larry had threatened "to punch any FBI agent in the nose" and he pointed out that this was "force and violence." To complete the discussion, Lee announced that the Committee had come to the conclusion that the best solution to the problem in San Joaquin County would be for those involved to move to more populated areas where they could attend meetings and also classes and in this manner improve their status in the Party. The second solution offered was that they travel to an area where the Clubs were more active for meetings and classes. She stated that if the Party were better staffed they would send someone into the area to conduct classes but that it was impossible at this time. Following discussion it was decided that all members in the County would meet together for the month of August and as a group they could reach a final conclusion to their difficulties.

Following adjournment of the meeting at approximately 4:00 PM, Evangeline and Lee went to one end of the room to talk over some problems on Evangelines job and she was told by Lee that she could be framed on a prostitution charge in the job she was on.

Lee and Rudy returned the Thompsons to their car and Rudy told them that he had tried to get a hold of Virgil Cole to have him atten the meeting also, but he had been unable to contact him by phone and presumed that he was on his vacation."



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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-39880)  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT JOHN \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATE: 8/17/55

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Since August 22, 1954, date of informants original meeting with the subject, there have been several meetings of the Communist Party Security Review Commission and the informants, SF 1604-S [redacted] Although VIRGIL COLE and LEE KUTNIK were present at these meetings, subject was not present and no mention was made of subject. In addition to the photos already shown to the informants, the photos of JOSEPH A. CURTIS, DAVID ENGLESTEIN and MILFORD ADOLF SUTHERLAND were shown to these informants who failed to identify any of the photos as being identical to the subject.

All logical offices have been contacted and there are no outstanding leads. It is felt that this subject will be identified through future contacts with informants or through established sources.

RECOMMENDATION: Inasmuch as there is no further logical investigation, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively.

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cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

[redacted]  
100-36147 (DAVID ENGLESTEIN)  
100-36344 (MILFORD ADOLF SUTHERLAND)  
100-30619 (CP UNDERGROUND)  
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)  
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)  
100-27286 (VIRGIL COLE)  
100-17111 (LEE KUTNIK)

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/19/55

FROM : SA Robert F. Savage

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

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DATES OF CONTACT: 7/25, 26/55 ; 8/1, 2, 10, 19/55

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

CP, San Joaquin Co. (100-21286)  
CP, U.S.A., Dist 13 (100-11889)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ☒

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PERSONAL DATA:

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*Excellent*

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CITY San Francisco, Calif.

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Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 6/10/55

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APPROVED: W. M. Whelan

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

September 9, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 8/12/55. This report, dated 8/11/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 11, 1955

"The HOWARD THOMPSON home was the site of a Communist Party meeting on Wednesday evening, August 10, 1955. The meeting was called to order at about 7:45 PM and those attending were:

HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
LARRY KILMER  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

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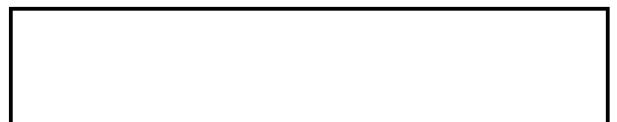
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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-31146 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-31391 (LILLIAM RANSOME)  
61-409 (RUDY LAMBERT)

[redacted]  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)  
61-395 (LEO BARROWAY)  
65-1561 (ART GORIN)

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"HOWARD KEYLOR was elected temporary chairman and other temporary officers elected were, LARRY KILMER, Financial Secretary, HOWARD THOMPSON, Club representative to the Regional meeting and HOWARD KEYLOR was chosen as alternate for this position.

"A report was given by HOWARD KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER on an article on Party Security which they had read at RUDY LAMBERT's. They reported that all members of a Club should know all other members and that members of all committees should be acquainted. The telephone should never be used for Party business or contacts, not even in code. There is a limit on Club membership, but the figure could not be remembered. There is a Party rule that all members must be affiliated with a Club, so the Club decided that the chairman should contact JACK JILBERT and acquaint him with the rule and ask him if he would join the Club.

"The recommendations of the State Security Committee respecting the difficulties in San Joaquin County were next on the agenda. It was brought out in the discussion that everybody present except HOWARD KEYLOR felt that the Committee shouldn't have recommended the abandonment of the Stockton area. HOWARD KEYLOR felt that he and EVANGELINE could serve the Party better and advance themselves in the Party if they moved to a "concentration area".

"During the whole meeting there was no mention of other members of the Club, the KEYLORS and KILMER giving the impression that they were the only members of their club.

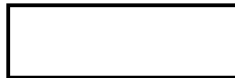


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"HOWARD THOMPSON reported that he had received a letter from LEO BARROWAY asking that a picnic be given in the area to raise the funds for the County for the People's World. A decision was left for the next meeting.

"The next regional meeting will be held in Wheatland on August 19, 1955 according to KEYLOR.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.

This informant was thoroughly interviewed on 8/19/55 by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE and possessed no additional information.

SAC, San Francisco (100-21286)

September 9, 1955

ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 8/20/55. This report, dated 8/19/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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" Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 19, 1955

"A meeting of the Communist Party was held at the home of the HOWARD THOMPSONS on Wednesday evening, August 17, 1955 and those in attendance were:

HOWARD and LULA MAE THOMPSON  
LARRY KILMER  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
JACK JILBERT

"The meeting was called to order at 10 minutes to 8:00 PM by the Chairman, HOWARD KEYLOR and a time limit of two hours was set for the discussion. After KEYLOR explained to JILBERT about the consolidation of the Party Clubs in the County he asked JILBERT to join the present Club and he accepted, stating that at the present time he was in a position to take an active part.

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(SF 1604-S)  
(EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
(JACK JILBERT)  
(CP POLITICAL  
ACTIVITIES)  
(PW)

100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)  
100-28630 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
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"KEYLOR then brought up the subject of the Party's future in the County, stating that he now felt the State Committee had been right when they suggested that there is no future for the Party here and that those who could should move to concentration area. The rest of the Club members are not in a position to be able to leave the County and so they felt that they could become more active in the future, with elections coming up and considering the fact that most of them have some Union connections at the present time.

"According to Chairman KEYLOR, the Club in Stanislaus County expects to lose several members through transfers and that those remaining might wish to join the local Club.

"Some future activities for Club members were planned. The THOMPSONS stated they planned on joining the Democratic Party Club in the Lathrop area; JACK JILBERT said he would try to take a more active part in the Railroad Union and THOMPSON stated he will join the Political Action Club affiliated with the Machinist's Union and EVANGELINE KEYLOR said she had been asked to join a Democratic Party Club in Stockton with a membership made up mostly of the minority races and that she would accept the invitation.

"The Club has only about 25% of its quota on the People's World fund drive and it was announced that 50 quarts of apricots have been canned and about 40 glasses of jam made, with prospect of peaches to can for the Bazaar. LULU MAE THOMPSON offered to furnish material and labor for some aprons to sell and HOWARD THOMPSON was appointed to see the FENNELLS for a donation.

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"Wednesday, August 24, 1955 was set for the next meeting and JACK JILBERT was chosen to lead an "educational" on Keynesism based on the article in the August issue of Political Affairs.

"HOWARD THOMPSON was asked by KEYLOR to stop by KEYLOR's house on Thursday evening so he could get directions for the Regional meeting on Friday, August 19, 1955.

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 was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/29/55 and possessed no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-20472)

September 9, 1955

ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

IRVING JOHN JILBERT  
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The following written report was furnished to SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 8/12/55. This report, dated 8/11/55  
is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 11, 1955

"JACK JILBERT was a visitor at the  
HOWARD THOMPSON home on Saturday evening August 6,  
1955. He arrived at about 8:30 PM and after a  
short discussion with the THOMPSONS on the possibility  
of another depression and its effects on the population,  
he left at about 9:15 PM.

(SIGNED) [redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F.  
SAVAGE on 8/19/55 and possessed no additional information.

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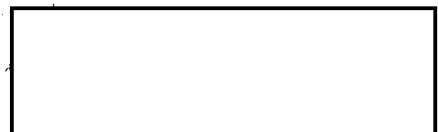
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CAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21236)

September 9, 1955

ROBERT F. CAVAGE, SA

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA  
ROBERT F. CAVAGE by [redacted] on 8/12/55. This report, dated 8/11/55,  
is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 11, 1955

HOWARD KEYLOR dropped in at the HOWARD  
THOMPSON home for a short visit at about 7:30 PM  
on Sunday evening, August 7, 1955. He reported  
that the rest of the proceeds for the People's  
World Bazaar had been earned on Saturday by  
LARRY KILLER, JUNE WALTER, EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
and himself. He said he had a large kettle of pulp for  
jam, [redacted] told MARY MAE THOMPSON how he  
could make the jam, since he didn't have to work the  
next day. The THOMPSONS donated a couple of  
jars of Certo and told him how to use it.  
He also got new glasses for the jam and left  
at about 8:30 PM.

(SIGNED) [redacted]

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cc: 100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILLER)  
100-31146 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
97-27 (PW)  
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[redacted] advised SA ROBERT F. SAYAGE orally on 8/19/55 that the information included in the above report concerns the preparing of food by the San Joaquin County Communist Party for the FY Dinner. This informant advised that although LENA WALTER is not a member of the CP, she works closely with the CP membership in this area. The informant could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED. File.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 9/12/55  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 8/26/55. This report, dated 8/25/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
August 25, 1955

"On Wednesday evening, August 24, 1955 the following persons met at the HOWARD THOMPSON home for a Communist Party meeting.

HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
JACK JILBERT  
LARRY KILMER

"The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM and HOWARD THOMPSON reported on the Regional meeting which was held on August 19, 1955. HOWARD KEYLOR said he and EVANGELINE would make an effort to attend the picnic which will be given for the benefit of the People's World by the Stanislaus County Club at Delhi on Sunday, August 28th.

"JACK JILBERT led an "educational" on the article in the August 1955 iss of Political Affairs by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER entitled "On the Fight Against Keynesism". Discussion was closed at 9:45 PM. Date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 30, 1955 at the THOMPSON home.

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cc: [ ] (SF 1604-S)

100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)  
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"The topic chosen for the next "educational" is also from the Political Affairs for August '55, on "The 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP" by DOXEY A. WILKERSON. EVANGELINE KEYLOR was chosen to lead the discussion.

Signed

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was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/30/55 and possessed no additional information.

Action recommended. File.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-375848)

September 13, 1955

SAC [REDACTED]

SF 1604-S

Remylet dated June 10, 1955.

This informant continues to be an active member of the Communist Party (CP) at Stockton, San Joaquin County, California. He is the regional delegate for the Stockton CP and meets with CP leaders of the Northern California outlying counties and CP District 13 officials.

A meeting between the CP District 13 Security Committee and the Stockton CP membership resulted in the consolidation of the two CP clubs in Stockton. This places SF 1604-S [REDACTED] in a position to attend all CP meetings held in San Joaquin County. At this Security meeting held in July, 1955, the charges against SF 1604-S of selling a piece of real estate containing a restrictive covenant were dropped. This matter had been carefully discussed with the informant and he had no difficulty in refuting it.

Also, as a result of consolidation of the two CP clubs, SF 1604-S was able to get himself appointed to the position of regional delegate. In this position he is attending and reporting on all of the local meetings. He also attends the regional meetings and meets the leaders in other areas as well as the District 13 CP leaders. SF 1604-S is furnishing excellent coverage and his value should increase. His reports are prompt, thorough and accurate. During the Security meetings held during the past year to reorganize the CP at Stockton, he has proven that he can handle himself well in trying situations.

SF 1604-S has never been a security problem to the Bureau or cause of embarrassment and there is no indication that he will be so in the future. Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media. He has no known personal weaknesses [REDACTED]. He is a very high type individual and there is no question regarding his mental stability.

CP meetings are being held each week in Stockton and SF 1604-S attends each meeting. In addition to this, he attends the monthly regional meetings. He uses his personal auto for CP business and does considerable traveling to assist the Bureau. He is presently engaged canning fruit for the "Daily People's World" Bazaar and soliciting funds for the DFW. His expenses have increased with his new position in the CP. He also uses his home for CP meetings and has held benefit dinners in his home.

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Letter to: Director, FBI (100-375848)  
From: SAC, [REDACTED]  
Re: SF 1604-S

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

9/13/55

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 9/2/55. This report, dated 8/31/55 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"August 31, 1955

"On Tuesday evening, August 30, 1955, there was a Communist Party meeting at the HOWARD THOMPSON home and the following people attended:

"LARRY KILMER  
"JACK JILBERT  
"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
"HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

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cc

[redacted] (SF 160-4-S)

100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-28062J (COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN CO.)  
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)  
100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)  
100-40551 (CHARLES C. SMITH)  
100-17111 (LEE KUTNIK)

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"The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Chairman HOWARD KEYLOR and the first part of the meeting was spent in straightening out the finances of the Club. KEYLOR had advanced dues money to some of the members and others owed dues, the Club owed THOMPSON for the trip to the Regional meeting in Wheatland and several owed THOMPSON for literature that they had picked up at the last Club meeting. As soon as these matters were attended to, JACK JILBERT donated \$1.00 to the treasury.

"There was a lengthy discussion on the People's World Fund drive and after a careful check it was found that the Club does not have sufficient fruit canned to meet the quota set for the County, so it was decided that THOMPSON and KEYLOR would meet and go over the list of papers subscribers in San Joaquin County and try to contact all of them for donations.

"The Chairman then said that it was up to the Club to decide what they wanted to do about the IPP Club since the Club's membership is all Communist Party members except for LURA WALTER. The Chairman said he felt the Club should be forgotten because it was just a discussion of Party political policies with a non-member present. EVANGELINE KEYLOR disagreed with this because it would isolate LURA WALTER and leave her without any progressive organization as an outlet for her activities. LARRY KILMER suggested recruiting her, but, according to the Chairman this is not feasible since she still sees her husband and the Party Security Board has ruled that she would be a risk until she breaks off completely with ARTHUR because of his government job. It was then proposed by EVANGELINE that we ask her to attend our meetings that are devoted to education and explained that the Club they had formerly had been having meetings with a non-member called SMITTY in which they were discussing one of FOSTER's book. A decision on this matter was postponed until after the next meeting with the State Committee when a final decision will be made on the status of the Party in the County.

"THOMPSON was told to tell LEE KUTNIK when she called that the meeting with her Committee could be held in San Francisco on September 11th or any night of the following week at THOMPSON's.

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"The next Regional meeting will be held in San Francisco on September 18, according to THOMPSON and the date set for the next Party meeting in the County is Tuesday, September 6, 1955, at the THOMPSON's and it will be an "educational."

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[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/2/55 and possessed no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-28062 J)

DATE: 9/13/55

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 8/11/55. This report, dated 8/9/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

"Stockton Calif.

"Aug. 9-55

"There was a meeting of S.P.P. called on 7/29- but only H. & E. KEYLOR & L. WALTER were present. On Sun. there was a picnic in Marin Co. on the HALLINAN Estate, date July 31-L. WALTER, STEVE CHARNESKI & E. & H. KEYLOR went to the picnic. There was 1000 in attendance. Admission was \$1.00 for adults, \$.50 for children. All food and drinks for sale. Some people present was L. WALTER, H. & E. KEYLOR from Stkn. STEVE CHARNESKI, Modesto, LEILA NOLAND, Wilseyville, Mr. & Mrs. GREGORY BERGMAN, Pine Grove, Mr. & Mrs. DAVE FORBES, Berkeley, BEN FIELDS, Sonoma, HARRY BRIDGES S. F. VIVIAN HALLINAN, BUD and MALVINO REYNOLD, Berkeley, MARY (friend of BERGMANS from Tulare a school teacher) age 45 to 50--hgh. 5'4" wgt. 150 lbs. eyes blue hair bld & gray. DELMAR BERG Modesto. Pitch made for guardian Subs. by MAL. REYNOLDS. Remarks by Mrs. HALLINAN, thanking and welcoming people for attending Guardian picnic. HARRY BRIDGES made a few remarks on labor and progress that has been made by his union. Predicted future progress as time goes on. Contributions were asked for Selfridge Belfrage case. There was swimming & folk dancing. There was a very mixed group attending. There will be another picnic on Sept. 5th.

/s/ [ ]

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CC: [ ]

[ ] (SF 1604-S)

100-205-6 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-29913 (VINCE HALLINAN)  
100-34322 (STEVE CHARNESKI)  
100-28425 (LEILA NOLAND)  
100-21820 (MARY BERGMAN)  
100-21821 (GREGORY BERGMAN)  
100-31335 (DAVE FORBES)  
100-1392 (BEN FIELDS)  
100-23051 (BUD REYNOLDS)  
61-242 (MALVINA REYNOLDS)

100-27988 (DELMER BERG)

100-31356 (NATIONAL GUARDIAN)

(HARRY BRIDGES)

(VIVIAN HALLINAN)

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[ ] was interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/29/55 and possessed no additional information. She could furnish no further identifying data regarding the school teacher named MARY \_\_\_\_\_ from Tulare.

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SF 1604-S advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/29/55 that he is not familiar with the MARY \_\_\_\_\_ from Tulare. He stated that he will attempt to ascertain her identity.

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CITY San Francisco, Calif.

DATE 9/1/55

*ASAC*  
Request of ~~Special Agent in Charge~~, FBI, San Francisco

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11389

Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 6/10/55

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APPROVED:

W. M. Whelan  
SAC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC 

DATE: 9/19/55

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FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. X P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 8/29/55, 9/2,10,19/55

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

CP, USA, DISTRICT 13 (100-11889)  
CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (100-21286)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: X (see written reports)

SF 1604-S was contacted on 9/19/55 and he advised that a regional meeting of the Northern Calif. Outlying Counties was held at the home of RUDE LAMBERT on 9/18/55 in San Francisco. LEE KUTNICK was present and WES BODKIN presided. BODKIN talked on Geneva Conf. and CP Underground. Also discussed was reregistration which is to be completed by December. PEACE WORKSHOP to be held at CLS on October 16, 1955. Next regional meeting is to be at Wheatland, Calif. on 10/23/55 and WES BODKIN is to attend. SF 1604-S will take BODKIN to the Wheatland meeting. (written report being submitted to cover above info in detail)

*Jerome Kage (100-30480) not known by CP @ Sth, Calif. 9/19/55.*

PERSONAL DATA:

*Robert F. Savage*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - U. S. GOVERNMENT

TO:

DATE: 9/21/55

FROM: Supervisor HARRY F. CLIFFORD, JR.

SUBJECT: CP ATTEMPTS TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF  
BUREAU INFORMANTS AND POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT  
WITNESSES

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*SF-1604-S*

Section (N) of SAC Letter 55-57, 9/7/55, a copy of which has been routed to you, points out that the CP, in connection with Smith Act cases, has asked each CP member in some instances to sign a statement that he attended CP meetings and that he had never heard the defendants advocate the overthrow of the Government by force and violence.

The Department has prohibited prospective Government witnesses who are informants and CP members from signing the statement in any pending Smith Act trial. However, in a situation where there is no pending Smith Act trial and where an informant who is a member of the CP is not a prospective witness in such a trial, the Bureau advises that he should discuss with the person contacting him any plausible reasons why he should not sign the statement, but if he feels that such action or his refusal to sign the statement will result in his exposure as an informant or expulsion from the CP, he should sign the statement.

Immediately thereafter, he should submit to the Field Office a detailed written report, setting out the date, place, time, identity of the person contacting him, contents of the statement and informant's reason for signing it. This should be done in the form of a signed statement.

The Bureau desires that each informant be contacted within 30 days from 9/7/55 and advised of the above. This office must advise the Bureau when they have all been contacted.

Please contact your informant immediately and return this memo to CLIFFORD stating that you have done so.

Done: 9/19/55 (Date)

SA: R. F. Savage

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1. R. F. Savage *[Signature]*
2. CLIFFORD *[Signature]*

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-376670)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-41004).

GILBERT PORTMAN  
IN-C, PAS  
(OO: Philadelphia)

Re Philadelphia let to Bureau 9/3/55.

Relet instructs that San Francisco Office get out background information regarding ARNOLD LURKE, who possibly was a member of the YCL in Philadelphia during 1943.

Miss JAMES WOODRUM, Clerk at the Edison Villa Housing Project, advised on 9/23/55 that ARNOLD LURKE is presently residing in Apartment F-19 of the Edison Villa Housing Project, Stockton, California.

The records of the Stockton Annex of the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, at Stockton, California, were reviewed by SA ROBERT F. CAVACE on 9/23/55 and disclosed the following information regarding ARNOLD LURKE: He entered on duty on 8/14/47 as a laborer. He is presently employed in this position in the Material Services Division, Labor and Equipment Branch, Labor Section. His birth date is listed as 12/17/25 at Philadelphia, Pa. His ACH is 32017250. He executed Standard Form (USDSO) 450 on 12/6/47 and on 2/2/49, in which he answered "No" to the question - Do you advocate or have you ever advocated or are you now or have you ever been a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence?

The records of the Identification Bureau of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office were examined by SA ROBERT F. CAVACE on 9/23/55. These records disclosed that ARNOLD LURKE was arrested by the California Highway Patrol on 1/2/54 on a charge of 502 CVC (drunk driving) and was released on \$250.00 bail. The records also contain the files of the Stockton Police Department.

The file on ARNOLD LURKE maintained at the Stockton Credit Bureau was examined by SA ROBERT F. CAVACE on 9/23/55. This file contains no derogatory information regarding LURKE.

SA 1604-3 [redacted] both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT F. CAVACE on 9/19/55 that they have never heard of ARNOLD LURKE.

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REGISTERED MAIL

2 cc: PHILADELPHIA (100-35551)(100-2556-175)(RMJ.)

cc: 100-Index (ARNOLD LURKE)

cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-3)

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Director, FBI (100-375575)  
From SAC, SF (100-11004)  
RE: SIDNEY ROSENTHAL

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT F. CAVALLI on 9/23/55 that she is not acquainted with ABELL LUNKE. b7D

It is pointed out that forms signed by ABELL LUNKE at the Stockton Annex of the U. S. Naval Supply Depot do not fall within the Statute of Limitations for a possible Fraud Against the Government Violation.

In view of the fact that ABELL LUNKE is currently a Government employee and the Bureau may desire to designate him as the subject of an SOI case, the Bureau is requested to advise if it desires to have LUNKE interviewed regarding the subject matter at this time.

It is noted that SAC Letter 54-74, 12/23/54, states that subject of SOI-C, FBI cases should not be interviewed without specific Bureau authority.

A separate letter is being written to the Bureau under caption "ABELL LUNKE, SOI-C."

The possibility of the Fraud violation on the part of LUNKE will be explored in connection with the SOI investigation.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco 

DATE: September 28, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (100-375848)

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SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

Reurlet 9-13-55 recommending an increase in payments to this informant from \$125 monthly to \$150 monthly.

The Bureau has noted as set forth in relet that the informant has been appointed to the position of Regional Delegate in the Communist Party and that consequently his value should increase. Until such time as there is more definite information indicating that his value has increased, the Bureau does not feel that an increase in payments to him is warranted.

Authority is granted, based on your personal recommendation, to continue payments to the informant at the rate of \$125 monthly on a C.O.D. basis for a period of three months effective 10-1-55.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on September 9, 1955. This report, dated September 7, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
Sept. 7, 1955

"There was a Communist Party meeting at the Howard Thompson home on Tuesday evening, September 6, 1955. Members of the Club present were:

Larry Kilmer  
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Howard and Evangeline Keylor

"Evangeline Keylor conducted an educational on an article in the August 1955 issue of Political Affairs by Doxey A. Wilkerson and titled "The 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP. She led the group in discussion until about 9:30 p.m.

"After some discussion the next item chosen for an educational was from the May 1955 issue of Political Affairs and is by Andrew Stevens. The article is, "The Fight Against White Chauvinism" and only the first two points will be discussed at the next educational, and each one attending will bring four questions for general discussion.

"Following the meeting, cake and coffee were served while all present watched television until 10:30 p.m.

/s/ [ ]

[ ] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on September 26, 1955 and was unable to furnish any additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File

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cc: [ ] (SF 1604-S)

[ ]  
100-29506 (Howard Keylor)

cc: 100-31446 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)  
100-26165 (CP Pamphlets and Publications)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28425)

October 3, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

LEILA NOLAND  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on September 9, 1955. This report, dated 9/7/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
Sept. 7, 1955

"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson dropped in at the home of Leila Noland in Wilseyville on Friday afternoon, September 2, 1955 at about 2:30 p.m. They visited for about 45 minutes. They had other people with them who remained outside while the Thompsons visited in the house.

"Howard Thompson told Leila that they would like to have her spend two or three days at their home during the next couple of weeks so that she could help them contact friends she has in the Stockton area who could give to the People's World Fund Drive. She said she would make the trip as soon as her money arrives from Berkeley.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on September 26, 1955, that LEILA NOLAND continues to be a member in good standing in the Communist Party. Due to her long time membership in the CP, she is not required to attend meetings regularly. She continues to make contributions to the CP and attends meetings of the CP at Stockton, California, when she is in the area. She is not included in the CP registration.

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed on September 26, 1955, and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File

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cc: [redacted]

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97-27 (Daily People's World)  
100-21286 (CP San Joaquin County)  
100-26239 (CP Membership)  
100-25085 (CP Funds)

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SAC, SF (100-21286)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 9/16/55. This report, dated 9/14/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]  
[redacted]

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
September 14, 1955

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Tuesday evening September 13, 1955. Those attending the meeting were:

"JACK JILBERT  
EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

"As there were only four members of the Club present, the meeting took the form of an informal discussion of a letter which LARRY KILMER sent to the meeting by EVANGELINE KEYLOR. In the letter he explained that he did not feel that he was capable of taking an active part in discussions in the Club nor of leading any of the educational because of his speech impediment, and therefore he felt that he was hindering the progress of the Club. He stated that he will always believe in the Communist Party and all it stands for.

"After some discussion of the letter it was decided that HOWARD THOMPSON should return it with the statement that the Club would not accept it and that he should tell KILMER that he would not be expected to lead educationals and only to take as active a part in discussions as he felt he could.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/26/55 and was unable to furnish any additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File

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CC: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (97-27)

October 3, 1955

ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD  
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by [redacted] on September 9, 1955. This report concerns efforts of the Communist Party members at Stockton, California, to raise funds for the DFW Bazaar. This report, dated September 7, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
Sept. 7, 1955

"On Thursday afternoon, September 1, 1955, Howard Koyler arrived at the Howard Thompson home at about 2:30 p.m. He had two gunny sacks of pickling cucumbers to be canned for sale at the People's World Bazaar. The cucumbers were wilted, so Koyler and Lulu Mae Thompson sorted them for size into containers to be soaked until crisp and made plans to put up the pickles on Saturday, Sept. 3rd.

"Koyler arrived at the Thompson's at about 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and he and Lulu Mae Thompson canned 60 quarts of dill pickles. Koyler left at about 6:00 p.m.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on September 26, 1955, that the DFW quota for San Joaquin County CP is \$250. [redacted] further advised that credit is given for canned goods turned in toward this quota. [redacted] stated that the DFW fund drive at Stockton, California, is directed by the Stockton CP. This informant was thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information.

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cc: [redacted]

100-21206 (CP San Joaquin County)

100-22505 (Howard Koyler)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-375858)

October 10, 1955

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SF 1604-S

ReBulet dated September 28, 1955.

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The value of SF 1604-S has definitely increased on the local level in that the two local Communist Party clubs at Stockton, California have been consolidated and SF 1604-S attends CP meetings with all of the CP members in San Joaquin County. During the past month he has presided at these regular weekly meetings. He presently reports on twice the number of CP members in attendance at regular CP meetings as he formerly did.

In his position as Regional CP Delegate wherein he attends regular monthly regional CP meetings he furnishes information and coverage that this office did not have in the past. In this regard SF 1604-S attended a meeting of delegates from the Northern California valley out-lying counties held in San Francisco, California on September 18, 1955. In attendance at this meeting were representatives from the Communist Parties of Sacramento County, Stanislaus County, Yuba County, Sutter County, Colusa County, Butte County, San Joaquin County and representatives from Communist Party District Thirteen, State Board. Representing the CP State Board were CARL RUDE LAMBERT, convicted of violation of the Smith Act, 1952, LEE KUTNICK, member of CP State Security Commission and WESLEY BODKIN, member of CP Underground from 1951 to 1955. [REDACTED] advised on October 3, 1955 that WESLEY BODKIN is to be Acting Chairman of CP District 13 and eventually to be Organizational Secretary of CP District 13.

SF 1604-S on September 18, 1955 was able to obtain the first admissible evidence of an Overt Act committed by BODKIN since 1951. BODKIN has made arrangements to meet with SF 1604-S on October 23, 1955 and go with him to the regional meeting to be held at Wheatland, California on this date. BODKIN on September 18, 1955 discussed the findings of the National CP Conference held in August 1955. His statements concerned the Geneva Conference, CP Underground, CP Labor Program and prosecutions of CP leaders. LEE KUTNICK, mentioned above, gave instructions regarding CP registration and recruitment.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-375858)

SAC [REDACTED]  
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On September 18, 1955 SF 1604-S was able to obtain CP membership figures from each delegate present regarding their respective counties. SF 1604-S also obtained information regarding transfers of individuals that are being processed at the present time. In addition to the above, SF 1604-S reported the presence of BERNARD LOU DE VETO, SI Datcom subject from Marysville, California, who has been reported by CP Underground confidential sources as active in CP Underground affairs. There has been no previous admissible CP information reported on DE VETO since 1949.

In addition to the above, SF 1604-S on July 20, 1955 identified LEO BAROWAY, Circulation Manager of the "Daily People's World," as the CP intermediary in San Francisco for transmission of messages to and from the CP State leaders.

Reference is made to statement in SF letter to Bureau dated September 13, 1955 to the effect that the value of this informant should increase. It is anticipated that in his contacts with the CP State leadership he will meet with and furnish admissible evidence on CP Underground subjects who are at this time being assigned to the CP Open Party and State leadership positions. This is based on the fact that different CP State leaders have presided at the regional meetings and that in his capacity as regional delegate he will have cause to do business with the various CP functionaries.

While the information this informant has furnished on top CP officials such as OLETA YATES and CARL RUDE LAMBERT, both convicted of violation of the Smith Act, has been of great value, it is logical to assume that he will be able to furnish admissible evidence on the new CP State leaders, many of whom have been in the CP Underground with little or no admissible evidence reported on them since 1951.

In his new capacity as regional delegate he is required to travel considerably at considerable personal expense. He also conducts most of the local CP business in San Joaquin County, such as the "Daily People's World" fund drive and registration of CP members, which are going on at the present time. This has necessitated additional trips to San Francisco, as well as to the Sierra Nevada mountains which have incurred additional expenses to the informant.



SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21206)

October 11, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

GP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on September 27, 1955. This report, dated September 25, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
September 25, 1955

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, September 15, 1955, and those attending were:

HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
LARRY KILMER  
JACK JILBERT  
EVAEGLINE KEYLOR

"The meeting was opened by HOWARD THOMPSON at about 8:00 P. M. because the Chairman, HOWARD KEYLOR was working and unable to attend. Those members present paid their dues and then there was an informal discussion about how much the Club would have to donate to the PW Bazaar.

"The next meeting, scheduled to be an educational will be held on Thursday evening, September 22, 1955 at the THOMPSON home.

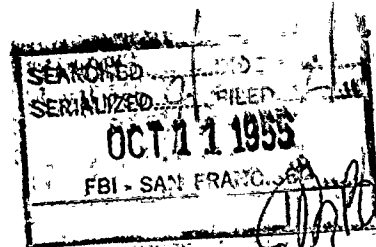
/s/ [redacted]

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(LARRY KILMER)  
(JACK JILBERT)  
(EVAEGLINE KEYLOR)  
(HOWARD KEYLOR)  
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CITY San Francisco, Calif.

DATE 10/3/55

*ASAC*  
Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

Signed: *Robert F. Savage*  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 6/10/55

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APPROVED:

*W. M. Whelan*

SAC.

Informant's File No.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/19/55

FROM : SA Robert F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. ☒ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 9/26, 28, 29/55 ; 10/3, 10, 13, 17/55

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-11889 (CP USA Dist 13)  
100-71286 (CP San Joaquin Co)  
100-40551 (Chas. C. Smith)

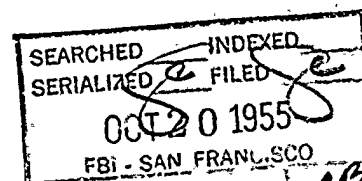
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Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ☒

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Chas. C. Smith not a CP member or being asked  
to join @ this time.

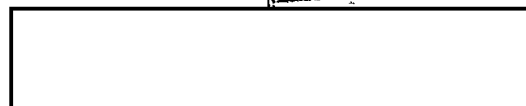
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-29506)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: HOWARD KEYLOR  
SM - C

DATE: November 7, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 10/24/55. This report, dated 10/21/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"There was a social Birthday party Sat. Oct. 15 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. H. KEYLOR - 536 W. Worth St. Present was L. WALTER, H. & L.M. THOMPSON, L. NOLAND, L. KILMER, E. KEYLOR, H. KEYLOR's sister and children, a friend of hers, E. KEYLOR's mother, sister, brother and cousins from S.F., VIVIAN CRITTE & children. The party was for KEYLOR's child 2 yrs. old. It was just social. N.A.A.C.P. met on Mon. Oct. 17. There is a seal drive on for raising funds. There was a movie on Safety driving shown by the city council. There was a medium attendance present. The meeting was held at 2nd Bapt. Church 1200 blk. E. Market., L. WALTER received a piece of literature from Calif. Water & Power Users Ass'n."

[ ] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/28/55 that the parents and relatives of HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR are not connected with any CP activities in the Stockton area and do not approve of the activities of HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR. [ ] further advised that VIVIAN CRITTE is not connected with CP activities at Stockton and is not in sympathy with the CP. [ ] advised that these people attended the birthday party only as a social event. [ ] stated that MARY PRESTON SAUNDERS was supposed to come to this birthday party but did not arrive, [ ] could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: File.

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[ ] (SF 1604-S)  
[ ]  
100-311446 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-28425 (Leila Noland)  
100-11596 (NNACP)  
100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (61-390)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL  
IS - C; ISA, 1950

DATE: November 7, 1955

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 10/24/55. This report, dated 10/21/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

"On Sunday, October 16, 1955 a 'Win-the Peace Workshop' was held at the California Labor School at 321 Divisadero St., San Francisco. Those attending from Stockton were LULU MAE THOMPSON, LARRY KILMER & EVANGELINE KEYLOR and they were accompanied by LEILA NOLAND of Wilseyville. HOWARD THOMPSON was ill and unable to attend.

"There were approximately 125 people at the meeting which lasted all day. A.B. MAGIL gave the keynote address and he was introduced by Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS. VIVIAN HALLINAN was chairman of the afternoon session. Some of the conclusions reached in the afternoon panel discussions were that the people must be educated to the effect that there is a substitute for war-economy, such as world trade, advanced social security and public projects

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ccs: [ ]

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100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)  
100-31446 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-26258 (A. B. Magil)  
100-9884 (Holland Roberts)  
100-34954 (Vivian Hallinan)  
100-29913 (Vincent Hallinan)  
61-414 (Oleta Yates)  
100-23984 (Mason Roberson)  
100-25486 (Adam Lapin)  
100-26070 (Eva Lapin)  
100-10835 (John Stapp)  
100-23845 (Frances Tandy)  
100-17111 (Lee Kutnick)  
100-36300 (Mary Irene Bonzo Suzuki)  
100-26056 (Wes Bodkin)  
100-28425 (Leila Noland)

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such as buildings, roads, etc. Education of the public can come through infiltration of churches, clubs, unions, and even by taking leadership positions in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc., in order to influence young people. Aims of the organization can be promoted by supporting those projects and aims of infiltrated organization with which the Party (not mentioned specifically by name, but inferred) is in sympathy. Further education can be brought about by exchange of art, culture and also delegations on every level. This education will lead to a mass movement for peace.

"Some people attending the sessions who were recognized or introduced were: VINCENT HALLINAN, OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, MASON ROBERSON, ADAM LAPIN, EVA LAPIN, J. STAPP, FRANCES TANDY, LEE KUTNIK, MARY BONZO SAZUKI (formerly of Stockton) and husband.

"Following the meeting, LEE KUTNIK approached LULU MAE THOMPSON and took her to meet 'WES'. He asked for information on how to reach the THOMPSON home, because he is supposed to go with HOWARD THOMPSON to the Regional meeting in Wheatland on Sunday October 23, 1955.

"LEILA NOLAND stayed at the THOMPSON home until Wednesday mornig, October 19. While she was with them LULU MAE THOMPSON canned meat, chicken and vegetables for her."

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/28/55 that the Communist Party was not mentioned by name at the meeting on 10/16/55. [redacted] further advised that JOHN STAPP conducted one of the panels at the Peace Workshop on 10/16/55. [redacted] stated that WES BODKIN was present at this meeting.

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[redacted] could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action - file.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-11889)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
IS - C

DATE: November 8, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 10/28/55. This report, dated 10/26/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"On Sunday, October 23, 1955, HOWARD KEYLOR of Stockton and WES BODKIN of San Francisco joined the THOMPSONs at their home and four left at about 8:15 AM for Wheatland for a scheduled Regional meeting of the Communist Party at the home of LILLIAN RANSOM.

"HOWARD THOMPSON is the delegate from the Stockton Club and HOWARD KEYLOR is the alternate. Others present were VIRGIL COLE, LILLIAN RANSOM, MARIE GORAN, DELMER BERG and WES BODKIN as the state representative.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON went for a ride and when she returned the meeting was still in session and she was invited in.

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[ ] (SF 1604-S)  
100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
100-26056 (Wes Bodkin)  
100-31391 (Lillian Ransome)  
100-27286 (Virgil Cole)  
100-32000 (Marie Gorin)  
100-27988 (Delmer Berg)  
100-28334 (Mae Murry)  
100-30046 (Phil Davis)  
100-11596 (NAACP)  
100- (Pat Verbal)(Sacto)  
100-28425 (Leila Noland)  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-29505 (Jack Dodson)  
100-23032 (Betty Dodson)  
100-31414 (Yuba Co. CP)  
100-17987 (Sacramento Co. CP)  
100-36363 (Sutter Co. CP)  
100-26388 (Stanislaus Co. CP)  
100-21286 (San Joaquin Co. CP)  
100-21287 (Butte Co. CP)  
100-36364 (Colusa Co. CP)  
100-26239 (CP, Membership)

100-26165 (Pams. & Pubs)  
100-9720 (Negro Question)  
100-25687 (Security Measures)

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"DELMER BERG asked why the State has been so slow in acting on MAY MURRAY's application for reinstatement, stating that he needs MAY's assistance in conducting the activities of the Communist Party in Stanislaus County. He also asked for advice on what to do about the activities of a Party member in the NAACP in Stanislaus County. It was brought out during the discussion of the problem that the Party member is PHIL DAVIS. He has allowed himself to be nominated for President of the NAACP. WES told BERG that this is entirely uncalled for and against Party policy. He told BERG he would ride back to THOMPSONs house with him so they could discuss the situation.

"MARIE then asked that the State take definite action on the situation in Sacramento, since their difficulties have come out into the open again.

"In discussing registration, WES told the Stockton group that as long as LEILA NOLAND desires to continue her Party affiliation she must be carried on the membership roles because of her many years of membership, even if she is unable to take an active part in the Clubs activities.

"The Stockton Club asked for an accounting of items sold and unsold at the People's World Bazaar because they were not credited with enough money on their quoota. They were told that Stanislaus County had given them credit for about \$30.00 which would mean that only \$20.00 had been collected on over \$100.00 worth of merchandise donated.

"Date for the next meeting was set for November 29th at 8:00 PM at Wheatland and WES asked HOWARD THOMPSON if he could ride with him again.

"Following the meeting, LILLIAN RANSOM served dinner and MARIE distributed literature.

"HOWARD KEYLOR was heard telling WES that two former Stockton Party members, now in the Bay area, want to be contacted about Party membership again. He stated the man is now working as a lithographer and it is assumed by references made that he was referring to JACK and BETTY DODSON. He gave their address to WES.

"WES, VIRGIL COLE and MARIE then went outside for a discussion of the Sacramento problem.

"After the meeting WES left with DELMER BERG and MARIE rode to her home in Sacramento with the THOMPSONs and HOWARD KEYLOR.

"When BERG and WES arrived at the THOMPSONs' about an hour after they had returned home they stopped in for a few minutes to have some coffee and cake, leaving at about 7:00 PM."

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[ ] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 10/28/55 that MARIE GORIN stated at the above meeting of 10/23/55 that the Sacramento group would not hold any more meetings until the trouble with PAT VERBAL is straightened out. MARIE GORIN indicated that they want her expelled from the Party.

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[ ] could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION:

Route cc for Yuba County CP to Marysville RA; Sacramento County CP to Sacramento RA, and Stanislaus County CP to Modesto RA, all for info.

Conduct NO investigation on basis of JACK and BETTY DODSON information as separate memoranda being written.

FBI Field Office Wanted-Flash-Cancellation Notice  
FD-165 (8-15-55)

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To: Director, FBI (100-375848) **Attention: Identification Division**  
From: SAC, San Francisco  Re: ☒ SF 1604-S

Date 11/10/55

☐ Place, or ☐ Cancel, stop in files of Identification Division for reasons indicated:

☐ Wanted for

Flash: ☐ Security Index

☒ Security Informant

☒ Criminal Informant

☐ Application for Pardon After Completion of Sentence

☐ Probation

☐ Cancel because

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Name <b>HOWARD O. THOMPSON</b>		If application for pardon or probation flash desired, give following if pertinent:	
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FBI, SAN FRANCISCO

READ INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS FORM

*In all instances when FBI number is known it should be furnished. When it is not known, furnish following descriptive data in addition to that requested on face of form:*

Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Complexion
Scars, Marks and Peculiarities				
Nationality	Occupation	Residence		

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

*If an application for pardon after completion of sentence flash is requested, source to be notified if information received by Identification Division is Special Inquiry Section, Investigative Division.*

*When probation flash requested appropriate United States Probation office should be indicated for referral of subsequent arrest information.*

*If subject's fingerprints are submitted, forward to the Identification Division stapled to this form. Cover memo not necessary.*

*Form FD-165, when involving matters concerning security informants and the Security Index, should be forwarded to the Bureau by "Registered-Mail."*

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)

DATE: 11-21-55

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on November 10, 1955. This report, dated November 9, 1955, is set out verbatim, and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
November 9, 1955

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Tuesday evening, November 8, 1955. Those present at the meeting were HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR and HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON.

"HOWARD KEYLOR read the suggested agenda and opened the meeting at about 7:50 PM. He said that he and EVANGELINE had stopped for LARRY KILMER but he had refused to come to the meeting, stating that he was holding the club back because he is unable to talk well. The KEYLOR's said they had argued with him and tried in every way possible to get him to come to the meetings but he will not be persuaded. There was a short discussion of the problem and it was decided that it would be best to ask the State Committee members to help solve the difficulty.

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cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)  
100-17111 (LEE KUTNICK)  
100-9720 (NEGRO QUESTION)

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"LURA WALTER was suggested as a new member for the Club by HOWARD KEYLOR and all present agreed to this and KEYLOR said he would contact her and feel her out.

"HOWARD THOMPSON revealed that he has received a letter from LEE KUTNIK asking for another meeting with the group either in Stockton or San Francisco sometime the last of November or the first of December. The Club decided that they would have the meeting at THOMPSON's on December 11th at 11:00 AM. KEYLOR said they would share the expenses of the dinner on that day.

"Each member of the Club is to write a chain letter on the Till case to be presented at the next meeting. Each person receiving the letter is to be asked to write to their Congressman asking him to support Civil Rights legislation.

"LARRY KILMER has been the Club treasurer and LULU MAE THOMPSON was appointed to act in his place.

"Date set for the next meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 1955 at the THOMPSONS.

"Plans were completed for the birthday dinner that is to be given for LARRY KILMER at the THOMPSON's on Sunday, November 13, 1955.

"/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on November 10, 1955, and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

DATE: 11/21/55

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. x P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_DATES OF CONTACT: 10/17,24/55, 11/2,3,10,14,17<sup>21</sup>/55

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-11889 (CP, USA, DIST 13)  
100-21286 (CP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: X

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PERSONAL DATA:

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(3-10-55)

CITY San Francisco, Calif.

DATE 11/1/55

Request of <sup>ASA @</sup> ~~Special Agent in Charge~~, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

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APPROVED:

W. M. Whelan  
SAC

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

11/28/55

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to  
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 11/18/55. This  
report, dated 11/16/55, is set out verbatim and the  
original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"November 16, 1955

On Tuesday evening, November 15, 1955, a  
Communist Party meeting was held at the home of Howard  
Thompson. Present for the meeting were Howard and Lulu  
Mac Thompson and Howard and Evangeline Keylor.

"The meeting was called to order by Chairman  
Howard Keylor and he asked each one to read the chain letter  
he had written on civil rights and then a group mailing  
list was made out so that no person would receive more than  
one letter.

Keylor reported that he had not had an  
opportunity to contact Lura Walter on the subject of  
becoming a Party member and when the subject of what kind  
of work her boy friend does was brought up, he said he  
would ask her and explain why when he approaches her on the  
subject. He expects to see her before the next meeting.

"Chairman Keylor stated that a letter had been  
received from the Daily People's World in which they stated  
that the daily circulation had dropped off to such an extent  
that it might be necessary to make the paper a weekly  
instead of a daily. There was quite a lengthy discussion

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100: [redacted] SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-26239 (CP MEMBERSHIP)  
97-27 (PW)

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on the possibilities of extending the circulation in this area.

"The question of Jack Gilbert was raised by Keylor and he said he would contact him and ascertain why he is not attending meetings and he said he would also collect Jack's dues.

"The next meeting will be held at the Thompsons on Wednesday evening, November 23, 1955.



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## MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]

11/22/55

FROM: HAROLD W. LEGGETT

RE: REPORT OF CSSF 2115-S\*  
(Lot number 12, K 1482 through  
K 1535)

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There are attached to this memo and to be considered a part of the memo photostatic copies of photos of material relating to CP, District 13 matters and members thereof furnished by CSSF 2115-S\*, of known reliability, on 11/17/55 (Documentation not necessary).

These photostatic copies are for filing in the case files of the individuals and organizations concerned therein.

The numbers appearing in the upper-right-hand margin of each photostat represents the numerical order in which the photos were received.

The source in this case had access to the effects of LISETTE LEVY KUTNICK, 709 Douglas Street, SF, a member of the CP State Security Review Commission, District 13.

The original photos of this material received from CSSF 2115-S\* as well as the developed film will be filed as a bulky exhibit in [REDACTED]

So long as this source is known to be active and information from it is used in an investigative report or is disseminated in any fashion, the name and address of the custodian of this material should not be revealed and every precaution should be taken to protect the source. Where the information must be reported and it is not possible to paraphrase it in such a manner to fully cover the source a cover memo should accompany the report requesting that the Bureau not disseminate it.

An analysis of this material can be found in chronological order in [REDACTED]

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

NOTE: Do not separate this page from attached photostat.

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## R: STOCKTON

At an area meeting held in San Francisco, h it was agreed that the two clubs in Stockton would be amalgamated. Subsequently we were asked to go there to look into some problems which were holding back the amalgamation. We met first with hk, ek and Larry. After 4 hours of discussion all we could get was that (1) they accused ht and wife of chauvinism because they had tried to keep them from recruiting 2 Negro people. (2) ht and wife refused to do work, (3) they were insulting to ek (4) that ht had not come into the organization thru regular channels. At this time hk was long boring off the board and ek told us she was working for a doctor at thirty-five dollars a week.

On the same evening we went to see ht and wife. They stated that they were not against amalgamation but were critical of the other council. 1. they accused them of chauvinism for keeping Negro people from being recruited. 2. they accused hk of irresponsibility, forgetting to come to meetings, being late for appointments. 3. for not bringing to them any reports of county and area meetings which hk attended. They also felt too isolated and said they could not function as a club of only husband and wife. During the conversation ht told us of some real estate deals he was engaged in and we asked about restrictive covenants. We had a heated discussion but finally agreed on the state policy.

We agreed at that time with V that we would not recommend the joint meeting of the two clubs because of the antagonisms, charges, etc. until they were resolved.

Some months later at a meeting in San Francisco ht told us that we had created a lot of confusion by our discussion on restrictive covenants and that ht and wife were grinning against the leadership because we had not been back to resolve their problems.

We therefore set up a meeting with everyone to be present, at which time we would take up all problems. At the SF meeting hk also told us that his wife's employer had been arrested but that she was not involved.

When we arrived in Stockton for this second joint meeting, we felt that there were peculiar circumstances in that it seemed that hk was trying to keep the meeting from taking place. However, we did get together and the following was discussed. 1. we got the corrected story on both charges of chauvinism. The story that everyone agreed upon was that there had been a young Negro woman active in IPP whom hk was thinking of recruiting. The others objected because her husband was a federal worker and the family was having personal difficulties. We were told that everyone had finally agreed she should not be recruited because her husband had signed the oath and in line with policy she should not be in at that time. We were unable to figure out how this story got so distorted the first time. 2. another charge of chauvinism against ht was cleared up. He had been accused of refusing to walk down the street with a Negro woman. The fact was that ht and wife were out with

a Negro couple that evening. The ladies went into a rest room and the men waited outside. When the ladies emerged the men continued to walk together and the ladies together. We soon convinced the group that it was not chauvinism to walk with a Negro man and not with the wife who was engaged in talking and activity with someone else.

3. We asked for ht's understanding of our policy on restrictive covenants and his understanding agreed with ours. We then asked why we had been told by hk that we had created confusion on this question. ht said there had been no confusion. 4. We cleared up the point of ht insulting ek. he admitted he had a bad temper and was rude quite often to a lot of people. he was self-critical about it. 5. We discussed the accusation that ht and wife refused to do work. We found that the wife had several miscarriages and could not climb stairs to distribute leaflet and that ht did not think it advisable to be seen with left material since he at that time was steward in a shop and active in union affairs. 6. We discussed the question of regular reports of area and county meetings and this was agreed to.

late in the evening when we thought we had covered everything we proposed that the two groups meet jointly now that disagreements were on the way to being resolved. We went around the room one by one and everyone agreed until we came to hk. he said ok but he thought one more thing should be taken up and that was that his wife thought ht was an agent and would never agree to meet with him. thereupon ht said how about hk riding around a state bar to meetings and taking the oath. then hk said how about Larry. he signed too. When I attempted to get some fact to substantiate such charges, everyone objected to the use of the word charges, they were just suspicious of each other but no one could say exactly why. I then said that unless we could substantiate such suspicions, we would be forced to wipe the whole organization up and start new. It was then demanded of them that they each write a statement on their suspicions and be prepared to back them up at the next meeting altho it was not taken up at the club, we were told prior to this meeting that ek had been brought before the da as a possible witness on her employer's case. When asked, she admitted to us that she knew the guy was guilty and that she assisted him. at the time of this meeting she was working as cashier at a burlesque.

At the next meeting, we verified everyone except ek who was working. we set a date to get together again and discuss conclusions and recommendations. statements were also written in addition to the vs.

vs and statements contained the following in support of suspicions of ht.

ek said her suspicions were based on 1. ht had asked her for the names of several people, 2. ln had admitted ht into the organization illegally. 3. he worked for the govt. and took the oath and dropped out. 4. he came to see her husband one night and told her it was about a cp meeting altho she was not a member at the time. 5. a lady in 2 had asked about ht



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6. that ht discouraged people from doing work, 7. that ht was to amalgamate in order to disrupt and find out who is who.

hk based his suspicions of ht on the following: 1. "Jack" who reported hk raised suspicions of ht in 1950, 2. ht wanted to attend meetings but was politically backward, immature, and did not want to do jimmy higgins work. 3. that ht worked for govt. as engineer in executive capacity 4. that altho ht had attended a meeting where a stool had been present, he had not lost his job. 5.

we discussed these various points and found that ht had worked for govt. had taken oath, had quit when he felt he was about to be exposed, he had dropped out and been readmitted when he quit the job. ht admitted he was careless about names of people.

then hk said that he had signed the oath to take a temporary job because he could not get other work.

larry was criticised for openly advocating violence, for making public threats to beat up agents, and for a letter he sent through the mail to the paper expressing these ideas. we discussed this point and agreed he was very wrong in his actions and attitude.

we could not determine when they got our policy on oaths and through whom. they apparently applied it correctly when they wished as in the case of the potential recruit but of imed ignorance when they did not wish to apply it to themselves. at one time hk and larry said they got a job in a hospital and both signed it and at that time had no knowledge of the policy. still, hk signed it again eight months before this meeting, after he knew of the policy.

we had asked hk to write a separate statement on his understanding of the policy on signing and following are some of his thoughts:

1. signing is not perjury, since we do not advocate force.
2. we adhere to the right of revolution against the will of the minority.
3. hundreds of thousands signed and were not prosecuted.
4. that the buttler, mearren, smith act are aimed at cp only and therefore everything the cp does is a violation of one of these bills.
5. we are hypocritical when we say that signing makes people liable to prosecution
6. that even talking to workers and those we talk to can be jailed. so how can we recruit.
7. since we are working under semi-legal conditions we are violating the law
8. we are guilty of right opportunist error when we withhold membership from workers forced to sign oath.

after a lot of discussion we felt that hk did not accept our interpretation of policy completely. altho he said he had made mistakes here and there, in the main he reserved opinion and said he wanted to think over our position. only the pressure of the agreement of the others

kept him from openly disagreeing.

at the conclusion of the discussion, we agreed that all suspicions had been unfounded, that all of them had proceeded in the wrong manner and had not raised these questions properly. We projected the proposal that people move out of the area and get attached to a larger county where they could get direction and experience. He and wife could not move because of buying property and having roots in the community but agreed that they could meet with the group in Modesto.

He felt that we had abandoned the party in Stockton and that he must remain to give leadership. He would not move under any circumstance. He knew the area and what was needed there. His wife and Larry did not answer to the proposal.

It was finally agreed that sufficient obstacles had been removed and that the two groups could meet together for the next period of a month or so and that after the vacation periods we would get together again and come to a final conclusion as to the organization in that area.

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1951 Beisadette told Hunt } drug policy  
for signs

Why? Who would justify } drop for signs?  
We do not forgive because it is not true  
(How did he buy house?)

~~He is a communist~~ involved to FBI publicly

He says there are ideological differences between  
clubs what are they?

Circulated petition names with PW sub-material  
result of letter to press exposed him  
+ his friends

she told ~~it~~ <sup>first</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~own~~

Even H.T. =

- (2) ... in largely
- (3) He worked for govt. & took with  
dropped out
- (4) He came to see H.K. & said it  
was about op. meeting
- (5) Anne asked about H.T.
- (6) He discouraged people
- (7) H.T. wanted to disorganize in  
order to disrupt & find out who was

H.K. recall - having to both signed while working  
at hospital - no time to consult - no knowledge  
of policy

When <sup>where</sup> did he learn of policy? drops for signing  
& when & where was policy relaxed  
was dropped from leadership

1951 quit hospital job & resumed leadership

1953 fired & blacklisted - what job? why?

He signed leaving to work longshore  
(what about leadership at that time)

USES disorganization as temporary expedient for  
(- why was not in report - it lasted 8 months)

(1) Signing is not feigning - we do not advocate free

(2) We adhere to right of revolution against well  
of minority

(3) We can be prosecuted terminally

- (2) Noted re-admitted "in Obedience"
- (3) He worked for govt. & took note & dropped out
- (4) He came to see H.K. & said it was about cp meeting
- (5) Anne asked about H.T.
- (6) He discouraged people
- (7) H.T. wanted to amalgamate in order to disrupt & find out who who

H.K. recall - from the both signed while working at hospital - no time to connect - no knowledge of policy

When did he learn of policy? drops for signing & when & where was policy released  
- was dropped from leadership

1951 quit hospital job & resumed leadership

1953 fired & blacklisted - what job? why?

He signed leaving to work long time  
(what about leadership at that time?)

U.S.E.S. disapproved to temporary inspection for

(- why was not this reported - at least 8 months)

(1) Signing is not joining - we do not advocate free

(2) We adhere to right of revolution against well  
of minority

(3) We can be used to serve in for joining

(4) He says to not use a unit across hundred  
thousands - he is still joining

(5) Humphrey Butler, one Green, Smith out aimed  
at cp members - How about membership role etc

Discontinuation

All of activity, a violation of Butler,  
McCauley?

p14 - To say we are not committed  
to make ourselves available to prosecution when  
the law is hypocrisies.

Even workers we talk about as not to find  
p17 - do we draw the line at eligibility for membership  
says.

He poses the question that we might be  
asking people to quit their jobs or lose  
membership.

p18 - "In fact our party operates & works  
in semi-legal conditions under such  
conditions we must (and do) violate the  
'laws' which limit the rights of the  
people."

p19 - "We arbitrarily withheld party membership  
from workers forced to sign loyalty card (or other  
bothers) is right opportunist error" How about  
saying to get job is this position?

K on Suspects of H.T.

① K used last to get small disagreements over with

② "Jack" who recruited H.K. also raised suspects (1950)

③ H.T. wanted to attend meetings but was politically  
backward, immature, did not want to do  
Jimmy Higgins work.

④ Worked for govt as engineer in executive capacity

⑤ He was not under suspicion (was H.K.)

altho he attended meetings with Stool present

Act of anti-Oiler is a violation of Oiler,  
McCarren?

p. 4 - "To say we do not ask anyone as a Communist  
to make himself susceptible to prosecution under  
the law is hypocritical"

p. 17 - "Even worse. ... I can be sent to jail,  
do we draw the line at eligibility for membership  
says

He poses the question that we might be  
asking people to quit their jobs or lose  
membership -

p. 18 "In fact our party operates in  
in semi-legal conditions under such  
conditions we must (and do) violate those  
'laws' which limit the rights of the  
people."

p. 19 "We arbitrarily withheld party membership  
from workers forced to sign loyalty act (or other  
battles) is right opportunist error" How about  
signing to get job is this opportunist?

K on Suspensions of H.T.

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backward, immature, did not want to do

Join Higgins work

④ Worked for ... as engineer in executive capacity

⑤ He was not under suspicion (was H.K.?)

altho he ...

(H.T. says ...)

another person ...





OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-32136)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: LARRY KILMER  
SM - C

DATE: December 16, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 11/15/55. This report, dated 11/14/55 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"Stockton, Calif.  
Nov. 14 - 55.

"There was a birthday party Sun. 11/13 at the home of H. O. THOMPSON Rt 1 - Box 2498, Lathrop in honor of LARRY KILMER. Present was GRACE & DAVE FORBES, HOWARD & E. KEYLOR, H. & L. M. THOMPSON, L. WALTER, CECIL WOODS, friend of L. WALTER, MAE MURRAY and children. About 5:30 BILL SPENCER and wife, TOM a friend and JOHN RODIN arrived. B. SPENCER age 32 to 35 - 5 ft. 8 in wt. 145 to 50 - brown eyes, dark curly hair. TOM 30 to 33 - 135 to 40 blue eyes (5 ft. 8 in) brown hair very scarce, straight. Mrs. SPENCER 5 - 3 - 115 - lt. brn. hair, blue eyes. This was only a social birthday party. MAY MURRAY said that DELMER BERG had gone to S.F. Nov. 13 - in behalf on N.A.A.C.P. meeting there. BILL SPENCER is a friend of L. KILMER and LARRY has been helping him work on a house recently."

[ ] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/18/55 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: File.

1 - 100-32136 (Larry Kilmer)

ccs:

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100- (Grace Griffith Forbes)  
100-31335 (Dave Forbes)  
100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
100-31446 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-28334 (Mae Murry)  
100-35480 (John Rodin)

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TO : SAC (100-32136)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: LARRY KILMER  
SM - C

DATE: December 15, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on 11/22/55. This report, dated 11/21/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
November 21, 1955

"On Sunday, November 13, 1955, a surprise birthday party was held for LARRY KILMER at the HOWARD THOMPSON home. The KEYLORS and the THOMPSONS were co-hosts.

"Those attending were:

"MAY MURRAY and five children Ceres  
DAVE and GRACE FORBES 1216 Talbot Ave. Berkeley  
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON  
LURA WALTER and two grandchildren  
CECIL WOODS  
LARRY KILMER  
BILL SPENCER and wife 310 E. Wyandotte  
TOM MALONEY  
BILL RODEN"

[ ] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 11/22/55 and could furnish no additional information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: SF 1604-S

DATE: 12/19/55

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DATES OF CONTACT: 11/21,22,30/55 12/5,13,15/55

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-11889 (CP, USA, District 13)  
100-21286 (CP San Joaquin County)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: X

12/15/55 Jack & Betty Dodson not active in CP @ Sln, Calif during 1955.  
See written reports

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## PERSONAL DATA:

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DATE 12/5/55  
San Francisco

*ASAC*  
Request of ~~Special Agent in Charge~~, FBI, \_\_\_\_\_

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

Signed: *Robert F. Savage*  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) Bulet 10/27/55

*OK*  
*W. M. Whelan*  
APPROVED:

*W. M. Whelan*  
SAC

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/28/55

FROM : SA JOHN E. McHALE, JR:

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CSSF 2115-S\*  
(Lot number 14, K 1610 through  
K 1658)

There are attached to this memo, and to be considered a part of the memo, photostatic copies of photos of material relating to CP, District 13, matters and members thereof, which were furnished by CSSF 2115-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 7, 1955, (Documentation not necessary).

These photostatic copies are for filing in the case files of the individuals and organizations concerned therein.

The numbers appearing in the upper-right-hand margin of each photostat represent the numerical order in which the photos were received.

The source in this case had access to the effects of LISETTE LEVY KUTNICK, 709 Douglas Street, San Francisco, a member of the CP State Security Review Commission, District 13.

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The original photos of this material, received from CSSF 2115-S\* as well as the developed film, will be filed as a bulky exhibit in [REDACTED]

So long as this source is known to be active and information from it is used in an investigative report or is disseminated in any fashion, the name and address of the custodian of this material should not be revealed and every precaution should be taken to protect the source. Where the information must be reported and it is not possible to paraphrase it in such a manner to fully cover the source, a cover memo should accompany the report requesting that the Bureau not disseminate it.

An analysis of this material can be found in chronological order in [REDACTED]

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11:00 AM on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December  
at Lathrop, California

H. Thompson

Stachem

2 - Howards ask some other  
of W.C. - not doing work

1. Has Kyle got state? -

2. Has other Howard got  
real estate?

3. New business - want another  
meeting

Durham - spot supposed to be in area  
British states during trial.

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Stamulus

231 three visits - Pennington

Howard



SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

1/4/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/19/55 by [redacted] This report dated 12/15/55 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
December 15, 1955  
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"There was a meeting of the Communist Party at the home of the HOWARD KEYLORS at 536 W. Worth St., Stockton on Tuesday evening December 13, 1955. Present at the meeting were HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON, HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR, JACK JILBERT and LURA WALTER.

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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
[redacted]

61-395 (LEO BAROWAY)  
100-34322 (STEVE CHARNESKI)  
100-34578 (CEDC)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-28425 (LEILA NOLAND)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-27660 (PHIL DAVENPORT)  
100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
100-6258 (ILWU)  
100-37248 (FORMER CP MEMBERS)  
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"Chairman HOWARD KEYLOR presided over the meeting and opened the meeting at 7:30 PM by introducing LURA WALTER and explaining to her how the Club functioned and who its officers and members are. He also told her that LARRY KILMER and LEILA NOLAND are members of the Club.

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"According to KEYLOR the FBI has started questioning former Party members and as a result he asked that all Club members be a little more strict on security. He stated that a longshoreman, PHIL DAVENPORT, who was a Party member several years ago had been questioned by the FBI and had consented to talk to them, but that he, KEYLOR, had talked to him and had told him that he was endangering the position of the union by talking and that he should not tell them anything unless he had his lawyer present.

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"A letter was read from LEO BARROWAY in which he suggested that the Club hold a party in connection with the circulation drive being conducted by the People's World. The idea was discussed and plans were made to hold a party sometime during the first week-end in February. EVANGELINE KEYLOR said she would contact some of the subscribers to see if the party could be held in some other home other than one belonging to a Club member.

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"EVANGELINE KEYLOR announced that STEVE CHARNASKEY had donated \$20.00 to the Appeal Fund by CEDC and JACK JILBERT then donated \$3.00. The Club's quota is \$125.00. Further plans for the rummage sale were discussed.

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"The next meeting will be held at  
the KEYLORs on Tuesday evening December  
27, 1955.

[redacted] was interviewed by SA --  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/20/55 and could furnish  
no additional information.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was  
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by [redacted] This report dated 12/15/55 is  
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in [redacted]

"Stockton, Calif.  
Dec. 15-55

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"There was a meeting of the  
Communist Party of Stkn. on Tues. P.M.  
Dec. 13; at H. & E. KEYLOR's home. LURA  
WALTER has been accepted into the Party  
and was present. Also present was H. &  
E. KEYLOR, H. & L. M. THOMPSON and JACK  
JILBERT. Other members are LARRY KILMER  
and LEILA NOLAND. These names complete  
the club as of now. There have been --  
others but all quite -- or left town. The  
Club is young and without experienced  
leadership. H. KEYLOR is chairman. H.

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(SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
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THOMPSON attends Reg. meetings once a month. There have been little accomplished in the last 2 years but plans are being made to work on the case of appealing Smith Act Victims and on raising money for P. W. The will be a meeting at H. THOMPSON's Dec. 18, at 11:00 reviewing the Stkn. club as there has been some misunderstanding in the club for the past 6 months. The FBI contacted PHIL DAVENPORT this week and gave him a scare as he was in the Party 8 or 10 years ago. There is an assessment on each club to raise money for Smith Act Victims. Stkn. must raise \$125.00. Members must contribute rather heavily.

/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 12/19/55 and could furnish no additional information.

RECOMMENDATION: File.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SF (100-21286)  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS-C

DATE: 1/12/56

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 12/13/55. The report, dated 12/12/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
December 12, 1955

"There was a Communist Party meeting at the Howard Thompson home on Wednesday evening December 7, 1955 and those attending the meeting were Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard and Evangeline Keylor.

"The meeting was opened at about 8:00 PM by the Chairman, Howard Keylor. He reported that he had interviewed Lura Walter concerning membership in the Communist Party and that her attitude was favorable. He gave her some literature to study and a copy of the Constitution. He then stated that he would be one of her sponsors for membership and Howard Thompson said he would also be a sponsor for her. The vote on her proposed membership was favorable and Keylor announced that he would invite her to the next meeting of the Club.

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100-29506 (Howard Keylor)  
100-31446 (Evangeline Keylor)  
100-26239 (CP Membership)  
100-34578 (CEDC)  
61-390 (CLS)  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-20472 (Jack Jilbert)  
100-25687 (CP Security Measures)  
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"The next item on the agenda was a report by Howard Thompson on the Regional meeting which was held at Wheatland on November 29th. The Club discussed the fact that it was expected to participate in the bazaar being held by the California Labor School and CEDC to raise funds for the Appeal Fund and decided that there was not time enough to permit participation and that the Club could raise more money by holding a rummage sale in late January. The Club will assume the name of 'The Bill of Rights Committee' for the sale.

"The People's World circulation drive came up for discussion and it was decided that the Club would propose a quota of five new subscribers for San Joaquin County.

"A mailing list was requested by CEDC and Keylor stated that he had a mailing list of about 500 names but it would have to be typed and Lulu Mae Thompson volunteered to do the typing.

"Howard Keylor proposed that the Club hold its next meeting at the Keylor home on Tuesday evening December 13, 1955 at he said he would see Jack Jilbert and tell him of the date and location.

"The members of the State Committee will meet at the Howard Thompson home on Sunday, December 18th at 11:00 AM. All of the Club members will be requested to be present."

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA SAVAGE on 12/13/55 and could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-17111) DATE: 1/19/56

FROM: SA JOHN E. MC HALE, JR.

SUBJECT: LISETTE LEVY KUTNICK  
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On 11/17/55, CS SF 2115-S\* made available for photographing material then in the possession of Subject, a member of the California State CP Security Commission. Included in this material was a notebook page containing current names and addresses (see Photo K1518).

Following is the list of names and an identification of each:

JOHN KIKIRI, 412 E. 28th St. (near Maple), San Diego advised that this is the current Los Angeles address for JOHN KYKYRI, and forwarded a letter to the Los Angeles Office advising them of the listing in KUTNICK's book.

JUANITA, 214 Reichling, Sharp Park, FLanders 5-6671. This is the address and telephone number for JUANITA PARKER, San Francisco SI Subject.

PW, 524 So. Spring, #225, MA 6-6616. This is the Los Angeles Office of the "Daily People's World."

ALLSTATE INS. CO., 1515 Sloat Blvd. This is just what it claims to be.

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CC: San Francisco

100-31280 (JOHN KYKYRI)  
100-27422 (JUANITA PARKER)  
100-20596 (ELSIE FOX)  
100-28850 (MARJORIE MILLER)  
100-27362 (BELLE ELBERT)  
(SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-26056 (WES BODKIN)  
100-26070 (EVA LAPIN)  
100-24178 (HON BROWN)  
65-1561 (ART GORIN)  
100-32000 (MARIE GORIN)  
100-24197 (HELEN LIMA)

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Angle Lake, 19406 Pac. Highway, BOB REPLOEG. This is the Angle Lake Motel, at 19406 Pacific Highway, Seattle, Washington, where the KUTNICKS stayed during their vacation in July and August, 1955, and Mrs. R. H. REEPLOEG is the manager.

ELSIE, OR 3-1508. According to [redacted] this number is listed to ELSIE FOX, of 765 O'Farrell St., SF.

MARGERIE MILLER, 315 - 26th St. This is the address for SI Subject MARJORIE MILLER, of Sacramento, California.

Ives Memorial Pk., Sebastopol, High and Willow, off Bodega. According to SA ADAMS, this is a public park in Sebastopol where the CP and its front groups have held benefits in the past.

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BELLE ELBER, 2646 Post, #4, JU 7-9535. This is the residence and telephone number for SI Subject BELLE ELBERT.

JOE, 18545 Midvale, LI 2433. According to [redacted] this is the address and telephone number for Subject's brother, JOE LEVY, in Seattle, Washington.

JULIE, FR 6879. [redacted] advised that this is Subject's sister, JULIE, also in Seattle.

HOWARD THOMPSON, Rt. 1, Box 2498, Lathrop, Manteca 1115W. This is the address and telephone number for HOWARD THOMPSON, a member of the Stockton CP.

HOWARD KAYLOR, 536 W. Worth. This is the name and address of another member of the Stockton CP.

WES, 724 Broderick, WE 1-0143. This is the address and telephone number for SFCCP Functionary WES BODKIN.

EVA, UNd 1-5487. This is the telephone number for San Francisco SI Subject EVA LAPIN.

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MARY, 2130 Staunton, PA. This is the address for MARY D. FIELD, CP member in Palo Alto, California.

HON, Ontario, YUkon 6-21317. This is undoubtedly the telephone number for HON BROWN, who resides in Ontario, California, and is the wife of ARCHIE BROWN.

ART and MARIE GORIN, 3977 Broadway. This is the address of ART and MARIE GORIN, Sacramento SI Subjects.

In addition, Photo K 1527 contains a map with directions for locating a residence on Haskell St., in Berkeley, with the notation that the address is 1216, and the house is the third off San Pablo Ave. This is the residence of HELEN LIMA, SI Subject in the East Bay.

RECOMMENDATION: No action. File.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/25/56

FROM : SA Robert F. SAVAGE

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SUBJECT: ✓ SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. ☒ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 12/20/55; 1/3, 4, 9, 11, 23/56

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

100-11889 (CP USA Dist 13)  
100-21286 (CP San Joaquin Co)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ☒

See written reports

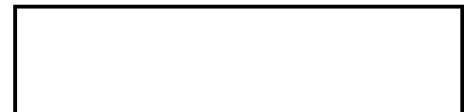
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Rememo 12/24/53 and 5/23/55, which instructs that security informants and confidential sources be contacted and alerted for any indication of unusual interest in the operation of Strategic Air Command Bases, Travis Air Force Base being within this program. These memoranda further instructed that informants were to be recontacted at least every six months with reference to this program. A notation should be made in the file  reflecting this recontact.

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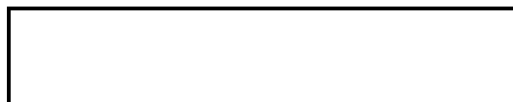
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(3-10-55)

San Francisco, Calif.

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DATE 1/3/56 \_\_\_\_\_  
San Francisco

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, \_\_\_\_\_

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for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

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SAC

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco (100-21286) DATE: 2/3/56

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS-C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/11/56 by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. This report dated 1/10/56 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton, Calif.  
Jan. 10, 56

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party of Stkn, Calif. Friday 8.P.M. Present was LURA WALTER, E. KEYLOR, H & L. M. THOMPSON. Meeting at KEYLORS home, 536 W. Worth. Sketchy discussions on the Stkn. flood and sending telegrams to Gov. concerning it. There is to be a house party to raise money for P.W. in the near future. Party is also raising money for Smith Act Victims Defence. Planned rummage sale for P.W. if materials can be solicited for same. There is to be an article in P. W. soon on P.G. & E. and Party members are to pass their copies of P.W. to other readers, names to be selected and follow up contacts later. Calif. Labor School has been attacked.

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/11/56 at which time this informant advised that the CP meeting referred to in the above report was held on 1/6/56. The informant was unable to furnish any additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File

cc: 100-21286 (CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN CO.)

[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-31146 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
97-27 (DPW)  
100-34578 (CEDC)  
61-390 (CLS)

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco (100-21784)

DATE: 2/13/56

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: ELVIN MARK BALATTI  
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COMINFIL, ILWU  
IS-C; ISA, 1950

The subject was interviewed by SAs JOSEPH T. DALY and ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 1/24/56 at the San Joaquin County hospital of French Camp, California, regarding the points set out under the Communist Control Act of 1954. BALATTI, although cooperative in this interview was unable to furnish any specific information which would be of value regarding the aforementioned Communist Control Act of 1954.

He stated that he is presently employed as business agent ILWU Local 6 (warehouse) at Stockton, California, and that this Local has never been controlled, influenced or affiliated with the Communist Party. He stated that this local is probably the smallest of the ILWU Locals and that this local has very little voting strength as far as the ILWU International. He further advised that of his own knowledge he knows of no one in the entire ILWU that is a member of the CP.

He stated that he believes that CHILLIE DUARTE and DICK LINDEN, ILWU Officials, might be CP members, however, he has no information with which to back this opinion. The subject further advised that no one presently in the ILWU has every asked

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cc: 100-6258 (ILWU)

100-37248 (Former CP members)

[redacted] SF 1604-S)

100-11136 (ROBERT NOLAND)

100-10906 (CHILLIE DUARTE)

100-14270 (DICK LINDEN)

100-28062J (IPP, San Joaquin County)

100-27502 (R.L. WARREN)

100-93528 (HENRY SAUNDERS)

100-21480 (DECCA TREUHAFT)

100-22319 (BUDDY GREEN)

100-28425 (LEILA NOLAND)

100-23253 (WALTER MICHENER)

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him to join or to directly support the CP. He further advised that he was originally asked to join the CP several years ago by R. L. WARREN, who was at that time a member of ILWU, Local 6, at Stockton, California. The subject stated that he only attended one or two CP meetings at Stockton, California, and was not interested nor did he believe in the CP.

Subject further advised that HENRY SAUNDERS, Attorney at Stockton, California, has within the year urged BALATTI to subscribe to the "Daily People's World." He stated that conversations he has had with HENRY SAUNDERS indicate to him that SAUNDERS may be a Communist, however, he has nothing specific to prove this allegation.

The subject further advised with regard to ILWU support of CP and CP front activity that DECCA TREUHAFT and BUDDY GREEN brought ROBERT WESLEY WELLS material to Local 6 Hall a couple of years ago but that he did not distribute this material.

ELVIN BALATTI feels there is Communist activity in ILWU, however, not at Stockton, but that this activity is restricted to the San Francisco Bay Area as the Stockton Locals are too small to warrant efforts by the Communists to gain control.

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BALATTI further advised that in 1948 he was sent IPP literature and petitions from SF (ILWU Headquarters) and given instructions to form a IPP Group, in Stockton. BALATTI was unable to recall who gave him these specific instructions. He became Chairman of the IPP and solicited signatures for the IPP petitions. Individuals he met in the Stockton CP who were active in the IPP at Stockton were LEILA NOLAND, WALTER MICHENER, HOWARD THOMPSON and ROBERT NOLAND.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] his reputation as an alcoholic is such that he probably would not qualify as a witness.. He does not wish to testify stating that he has no specific information to furnish and that information he does have is merely his personal opinion regarding the ILWU.

A report will be written setting out the results of the interview regarding CP activities at Stockton and will contain no additional information regarding ILWU, CP activities.



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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 2/20/56

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FROM : SA

Robert F. Savage

SUBJECT:

SF 1604-S

C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.I. \_\_\_\_\_ S.I. ☒ P.S.I. \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF CONTACT: 1/23, 31/56; 2/2, 3, 14, 17/56

TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

CP, USA, District 13 (100-11889)  
CP San Joaquin Co. (100-21286)

PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

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RATING ExcellentCOVERAGE CP Northern outlying valley counties  
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for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: TS-C SF 100-11883

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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) SFlet 10/27/55

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APPROVED:

W. M. Whelan

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

2/24/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 1/17/56. This report dated 1/14/56 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 14, 1956

" A meeting of the Communist Party was held at the Howard Keylor home on Thursday evening, January 12, 1956. Present at the meeting were Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard and Evangeline Keylor.

"Chairman Howard Keylor opened the meeting at about 8:00 Pm and the first item on the agenda was the party planned for the People's World circulation drive and Keylor said that he had been unable to obtain another home to have the party in so it was decided to hold it in the Howard Keylor home and the date is to be set when a speaker can be obtained from the paper. Lulu Mae Thompson said she would bake the cake for the party and the Keylors offered to furnish the coffee.

(1) CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (100-21286)  
cc: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

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(HOWARD KEYLOR)

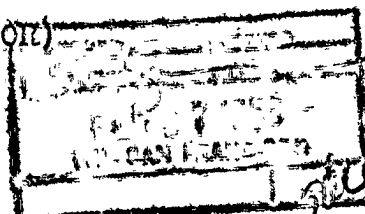
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(EVANGELINE KEYLOR)

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"Howard Thompson took over the rest of the meeting and conducted a discussion and quiz which was put out by the People's World for the circulation drive.

"The next meeting will be held at the Keylor's on Thursday, January 19, 1956.

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[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.

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2/27/56

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following ~~written~~ report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 1/18/56. This report, dated 1/11/56 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 14, 1956

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the Howard Keylor home at 536 W. Worth St. on Friday evening, January 6, 1956. Those present at the meeting were Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson, Evangeline Keylor and Lura Walter.

"Howard Thompson acted as chairman of the meeting and called the meeting to order at about 8:00 PM. The first item discussed was the People's World Circulation drive party and it was decided to still try to find a home to hold the party in and a tentative date of January 14th was set.

"The problem of what to do about the Rummage sale to raise funds for CEDC was brought up and it was decided to try to get things for the sale from people who had not been touched by the flood and that a definite date could be set later when the rummage is gathered.

"The People's World is to publish a series of articles on the P.G. & E. and those present decided to send their own copies of the article to someone they felt would read them.

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cc: [redacted]

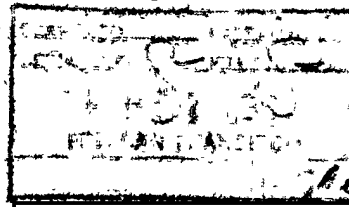
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"It was suggested that all Club members write to Leroy Johnson to try to get some action on dams and flood control appropriations and to also ask their friends to write to him.

"The next meeting will be held at the Keylor's on Thursday evening, January 12, 1956.

(SIGNED) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 3/9/56  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [ ] on February 14, 1956. This report, dated February 10, 1956, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [ ]

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"Stockton Calif.  
"Feb. 10 - 56

"There was a regular meeting  
of the C. P. of Stockton on Feb. 8

ccs: 100-21286

[ ]  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)

100-28506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

[ ] (SF 1604-S)

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100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

97-27 (PW)

100- (STEVE MURDOCK)

100-34578 (CEDC)

100-25085 (CP FUNDS)

100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)

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"8 P. M. at 536 W. Worth St.  
Present was L. Walter, E. Keylor  
& Mr\_ and Mrs\_ H. O. Thompson. H.  
Keylor attended, Part of Stkn.  
Dem. club. L. M. Thompson attended  
the Reg. meeting Sun. Feb. 4 and  
made reports on same. Clubs  
advised to hold election of officers  
at next meeting, also advised to  
join Dem. Clubs & work vigorously  
on issues of importance to Labor,  
Negro & minority groups and farmers\_  
Plans finished for P. W. quota  
party held Feb. 10 - 8 P. M. at  
the Keylors\_ home. Steve Murdock  
will be prin. speaker. Its a  
social affair and tries for P. W.  
subs will be made. Club advised  
to raise money C. E. D. C. as  
quickly as possible. 65 % of  
all clubs dues go to State funds  
Modesto is having a turkey dinner  
Feb. 16 - Stkn. asked to boost  
them by attending and in return  
they will contribute articles to  
help in Stkn Rummage sale to be  
held later. Instructions on  
turkey dinner later also. S. F.  
has finished their quota of P. W.  
subs and working on another quota.  
L. A. is getting up in the thosands  
of subs, outlying not doing well  
at all but urged to push harder  
to do more. Anout 20 quests are  
expected at P. W. party.

"/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed  
by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on February 16, 1956 and  
could furnish no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-11889) DATE: 3/9/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT 13  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on February 10, 1956. This report, dated February 8, 1956, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

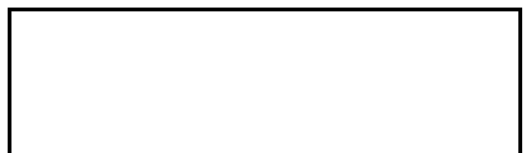
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ccs: 100-11889  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR) (SF 1604-S)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS CO.) 100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-31391 (LILLIAN RANSOME) 100-30046 (PHIL DAVIS)  
61-409 (RUDY LAMBERT) 100-28334 (MAE MURRY)  
100-3200 (MARIE GORIN) 65-1561 (ART GORIN)  
100-27286 (VIRGIL COLE)  
100-25347 (POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
100-35746 (HOMER CHASTAIN)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER) 97-27 (DPW)  
100-26165 (CP PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)  
100-25687 (CP SECURITY MEASURES)  
100-27747 (CP ORGANIZATION) 100-34578 (CEDC)  
100-26056 (WES BODKIN)  
100-21287 (CP BUTTE CO.)  
100-31414 (CP YUBA CO.)  
100-36363 (CP SUTTER CO.)  
100-17989 (CP SACRAMENTO CO.)  
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN CO.)  
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SF 100-11889

"Report on the Communist Party  
"Stockton, California  
"February 8, 1956

"On Sunday morning, February 5, 1956, Phil Davis arrived at the Howard Thompson home, stating that Delmer Berg, the regular delegate to the Regional meeting from Stanislaus County, was ill and unable to attend the meeting that day, so he, as alternate, was going in his place. Howard Thompson said he was not feeling well, and Howard Keylor, San Joaquin County alternate had to work, so Lulu Mae Thompson was going as San Joaquin County delegate.

"The State representative had not arrived at Thompson's by 9:00 AM so Lulu Mae Thompson and Phil Davis left for Wheatland in the Thompson car. During the drive to the meeting, Phil Davis stated that May Murray had been reinstated in the Party and it was creating a problem for the Club because she wanted to 'take over and run things' as she had done before and refused the duties assigned to her, i.e., joining either the PTA or the Grange.

"When Lulu Mae Thompson and Davis arrived at the home of Lillian Ransome in Wheatland at about 11:15 AM, they were met by Rudy Lambert, Art Gorin and Lillian Ransome. Rudy stated that he had come by a Northern route in hopes he could call on an old man named Long, who had put up bail for him at the time of his arrest,

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"but because of flood conditions still existing, he had been unable to get to his place, so he had gone to Gorin's home in Sacramento and followed him to Wheatland. He said he was going to see Long after the meeting, by approaching Marrysville from another direction.

"Art Gorin stated that his wife Marie had taken the baby and left the day before for the East and 'the National Convention' and that she would be gone about a month.

"Rudy distributed literature while waiting for Virgil Cole and then Lillian said that she had dinner ready and thought it would be best to eat and that would also give more time for Cole to arrive. At about 1:15 PM Rudy started the meeting, stating that something must have detained Cole.

"Before making up an agenda for the meeting, Rudy told Phil Davis he had a note for him regarding the reinstatement application of Cole Robertson who had been a Party member in the State of Washington. The note said to reinstate him and accept his wife as a new member. Davis stated that this had already been done and that they had attended two meetings already.

"The first item on the agenda was the circulation drive for the People's World and Rudy raised the question of San Joaquin Co. raising their quota from 5 new subscriptions to 7 and Lulu Mae Thompson stated this had

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"been discussed in the Club and they had decided it would be best to reach their quota of 5 before accepting an additional quota. The other counties reported that they were having trouble meeting their quotas, but they would try harder.

"Lambert questioned all those present on the political situation in their respective districts and stated that it is very important that all Party members become active in a Democratic Party Club. He said there will be many petitions available in the near future on many issues and it will be the job of the Party members to get them circulated, preferably by getting them into the hands of the Democrats so it will not look as though they are Party sponsored.

"The next subject brought into discussion was the CEDC fund drive and Lambert said the postponement of the hearing date did not lengthen the time available to raise funds, since the printing had to be paid for and other fees must be paid. He stated the postponement had given time to get several amicus briefs prepared and he felt this was a great advantage to their case. He said the metropolitan areas were having no trouble raising their quotas, but the outlying areas were lagging behind.

"During the discussion on this point, Davis stated that Stanislaus Co. was planning a dinner for CEDC and requested a speaker for the 19th or 26th

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"of February. He stated the dinner is to be held at the home of one of their new members, Homer Chastaine, on Van Dusen Rd., just out of Riverbank. Rudy set the date for the 26th and said he would see that a speaker was present.

"Lillian Ransome and Art Gorin said that flood conditions had hampered them in raising funds but they thought, with better weather, that they could do more.

"Lambert announced that a new outline for study and discussion for new members is being prepared and Lulu Mae Thompson asked for a copy for the San Joaquin County Club.

"Literature received was on Foster's 75th birthday celebration, Proposals for Club elections, Negro History Week, and 1956 Perspectives by Adam Lapin.

"Rudy Lambert told Lulu Mae Thompson that he would try to come to the Stockton area to contact 'friends' to raise money for CEEDC and at the same time he would try to see Larry Kilmer and talk him into attending meetings. He requested that the Stockton Club plan something to honor Negro History Week.

"The date for the next meeting was set for March 11, 1956 at the Gorin residence in Sacramento at 11:00 AM.

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"Following the meeting Lambert stated that he had been removed as Chairman of the Review Board and would serve only in an advisory capacity, and that his new assignment was to take over Wes Bodkin's assignment in the outlying counties because Wes had been promoted to 'Org. Sec! in San Francisco.

"Lulu Mae Thompson stopped at Rudy Lambert's car on the way out and told him he was welcome to stay at the Thompson home whenever he was in the area and did not want to drive back to San Francisco. Lulu Mae Thompson left at about 4:10 PM and arrived in Stockton at about 6:45 PM. Davis had coffee and sandwiches at Thompson's and didn't leave until about 8:00 PM.

"/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on February 17, 1956 and could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Send 100-  
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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

March 12, 1956

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 2/1/56. This report, dated  
1/30/56, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in  
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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
January 30, 1956

A meeting of the Communist Party was held at  
the Howard Keylor home on West North Street in Stockton on  
Thursday evening, January 26, 1956. Those attending the  
meeting were Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard and  
Evangeline Keylor.

Chairman Howard Keylor presided over the meeting  
and called it to order at about 8:00 p.m. Most of the meeting  
was devoted to a discussion of the political situation in the  
County and the prospective candidates.

Keylor announced that he had received a special  
longshoreman's edition of the People's World for some time and  
had delivered it to the local union. He had thought this paper  
was free, but he had since been billed for it and asked the  
Club what they desired to do about paying the bill. The Club  
voted to notify the publishers that the bill would be paid as  
soon as the Club can raise the money. He also stated that the  
broadside on the flood had arrived and that he thought they

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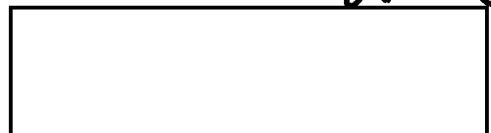
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[redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILLER)  
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would cost about \$3.50. Lulu Mae Thompson announced that there was not enough money in the treasury to pay the bill so those present paid their dues and assessed each member 25¢ for the month of January and the money was turned over to Keylor to pay for the papers.

Plans were made for Thompson, Keylor and Kilmer to distribute the flood broadsides in the Corona Park area on Sunday morning. Keylor said he would contact Vince Cabebe because he had offered to help in the distribution.

A list of names was made up as the prospective guest list for the party planned for the circulation drive for the People's World on February 11th at Keylor's.

The next meeting will be held at the Keylor's on Thursday evening, February 2, 1956.

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was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SEVAGE on 2/3/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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RECOMMENDATION: No action.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 3/13/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to  
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE By [redacted] on 2/9/56. This report, dated  
2/8/56 concerns a Communist Party meeting held at Stockton,  
California, on 2/2/56 and the original of this report is  
maintained in [redacted]

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Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 8, 1956

There was a Communist Party meeting at the Howard  
Keylor home on Thursday evening February 2, 1956. Those  
attending were Howard and Evangeline Keylor, Lura Walter  
and Jack Jilbert.

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cc: [redacted] SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
61-409 (RUDE LAMBERT)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)  
97027 (DPW)  
100-34578 (CEDC)

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Keylor started the meeting at about 8:00 PM and stated that Rudy Lambert had been up the night before and that he had gone with Rudy to visit Delmer Berg and discuss the political situation in the area. Lambert had then returned to Stockton and spent the night at Keylor's.

Quite a lengthy discussion was held in the meeting on the prospective candidates and their stands on the various issues.

Plans were discussed for the People's World party which will be held at the Keylor home on Saturday night, February 11, 1956, and Lulu Mae Thompson stated she had seen Mrs. Jordan and invited her and Keylor said he still had to make his contacts.

Keylor asked whoever represented the Club at the Regional meeting to ask for about 20 sets of material for CEDC mailing and also to request Rudy Lambert to come up for a few personal contacts. Keylor said he might have to work on Sunday and would be unable to attend the Regional meeting if Howard Thompson going as delegate if these two were unable to attend.

Those present said they were still trying to gather rummage for a sale to raise money for CEDC.

The next meeting will be held at the Keylor home on Thursday, February 9, 1956.

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/17/56 and could furnish no additional information. According to the informant, the Mrs. JORDAN referred to in the report is not connected with the Stockton CP or front groups.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-26388)

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE (S-4)

RE: CP ACTIVITIES, STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IS - C

Date: 3/15/56

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 2/21/56. This report, dated 2/20/56, concerns a CP meeting held at Empire, Stanislaus County, California, on 2/17/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Feb. 20, 1956

"The Communist Party meeting was held Fe . 17, 1956 at Mr. & Mrs. PHIL DAVIS' of Empire Calif. Those attending were Mrs. & Mrs. HOMER CHASTAIN, Mr. & Mrs. ERNEST GUER of Merced, Mr. & Mrs. C.E. ROBERTSON, BILL WAKEFIELD of Hughson, MAY MURRY & DEL BERG, a total of 11 persons.

"The next meeting will be held at the GUERS in Merced on Mar. 2, 1956.

"There is to be a C.E.D.C. dinner held at the HOMER CHASTAINS, Vanduesan Ave. Riverbank on March 4, 1956 at 2:00 p.m. RUDY LAMBERT will be there & as to whether he will be the speaker or not is not known. HOWARD THOMPSON & some others from Stockton are going to attend. The dinner is being held to raise money for the Smith Act victims.

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[redacted] SF 1604-S)

100-28334 (MAE MURRY)  
61-409 (RUDY LAMBERT)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-30040 (HARRIET DAVIS)  
100-30046 (PHIL DAVIS)  
100-35746 (HOMER CHASTAIN)  
100-31080 (LEORA CHASTAIN)  
100-40329 (BERTHA GURR)  
100-32523 (ERNEST GURR)  
100-41375 (DARWIN MURRY)  
100-41461 (BEATRICE VALDEZ)  
100-36187 (WILLIAM WAKEFIELD)  
100-36904 (FLORENCE DOWNEY)  
100-4534 (FRED GENZEN)

100-25687, (CP SECURITY MEASURES)

cc - LOS ANGELES  
ERNEST GURR (100-42641)  
BERTHA GURR

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"Mr. & Mrs. ROBERTSON & Mrs. MURRY were given an assignment to see Mrs. DOWNEY & FRED GENZON of Oakdale & invite them to the dinner. Both said they would attend. RUDY LAMBERT & FRED GENZON are very good friends

"The C.P. members are very cautious. Everytime they meet they take great precautions to cover the phones as they believe the F.B.I. might have them fixed & can hear whats going on even when the reciever is not off the hook --

"PHIL DAVIS slipped up & mentioned he is going to the State office in S.F. on March 11, 1956. He was criticized for the remark & everyone was told to forget it was mentioned. PHIL DAVIS makes the trip about once a month but no one is to know when until he comes back.

"DEL BERG is not staying at the MURRYS and has moved back to his trailer house in Monterey tract. BERG is considering marriage quite seriously.

"M. MURRY is to leave for Santa Rosa for the trial concerning her husbands death, Feb. 27, 1956. Mr. & Mrs. ROBERTSON were asked to stay at her home and take care of the children & livestock while she's gone. DARWIN & BEATRICE will go with her. Mrs. MURRY is suing for \$50,000. Mrs. MURRY does not have the money to make the trip & DEL BERG loaned her \$40.00 & the ROBERTSONS \$30.00. BEATRICE has been laid off work so the MURRYS are pretty pinched for money."

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/1/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.

CITY San Francisco, Calif.

DATE 3/1/56

Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, San Francisco

[Redacted]

for information concerning the case entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CP USA: IS-C SF 100-11889

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Signed: Robert F. Savage  
Special Agent

Authority (Date) Bulet 1/2/56

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*[Signature]*

APPROVED:

W.M. Whelan

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TO: SAC (100-21286)

DATE: 3/19/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 2/3/56. This report, dated 2/3/56, concerns a CP meeting held at Stockton, California on 2/2/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton, Calif.  
"Feb. 3 - 1956

"There was a regular meeting of the C.P. Feb. 2 at 8:00 P.M. at the Keylors home. Present was L. Walter, J. Jilbert, Mr & Mrs. H. O. Thompson and Mr & Mrs Keylor. Dues were taken and \$1.38 cents in treas. Discussion on C.E.D.C. and report on funds raised for defence of Smith Act Victims. P.W. party (social) on Feb. 11 - at Keylors' - Discussed flood problem. P.W. published an extra on the floods and L. Kilmer and H. Keylor ordered and distributed same in Corona area last Sun. There was one meeting. There was one meeting which was not attended by L. Walter and J. Jilbert. Meetings to be held every Thursday P.M. in future. Rudy Lambert was in Stkn. & Modesto Wed. night, he carried H. Keylor to Modesto to see Delmar Berg about working on issues in coming election. Lambert to advise on election of officers later and also to come and see people in Stkn. and talk to L. Kilmer about remaining in party. Members advised to register Dem. and work on issues in coming elections. Have data on perspectives from Main branch of C.P. Long discussion on candidates for 11th. C.D. and how to try to defeat Leroy Johnson and McFall. Say Allen Grimes is a good man from his speech and record. Dave Jenkins is a subscriber of P.W. and also a sustainer and can be called on for contributions on problems arising for party. H. Keylor or H. Thompson to attend regional meeting Sun. Feb. 5 - north of Sacramento -place not named."

/s/ [redacted]

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cc:

[redacted]  
[redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
[redacted]

100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-34578 (CEDC)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)

61-409 (RUDE LAMBERT)  
100-26388 (CP STANISLAUS COUNTY)  
100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
100-4405 (DAVID JENKINS)

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[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/3/56 that DAVE JENKINS is to contact LARRY KILMER and attempt to get KILMER to again attend meetings of the Stockton CP. According to [redacted] HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR stated that JENKINS will explain to KILMER the advantages of being an active CP member. [redacted] could furnish no additional information.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.



TO: SAC (100-21286)

DATE: 3/19/56

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 2/21/56. This report, dated 2/20/56, concerns a Stockton CP meeting held on 2/16/56 and FW circulation party held in Stockton on 2/11/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton, California  
"Feb. 20 - 1956

"There was a regular meeting of the C.P. of Stkn. on Thurs. Feb. 16 at the home of H. & E. Keylor. Present were L. Walter, H. & L. M. Thompson and H. & E. Keylor. The P.W. party attendance was small only 12 people. None of interest only Steve Murdock who made a pitch for the paper. Stkn. has reached their quota of 5 Subs and were urged to accept another quota but refused, saying they would do their best to get more not setting a number. The party members are being advised to join the Port of Stkn. Dem. Club to push issues in the elections. Fees are \$250. Most discussion of club is on politics and C.E.D.C. victims fund. Club is to pressure on Civil Rights Bill and Labor issues. A longshoreman has contacted John Rodin wanting to know if he can subscribe for the P.W. and join the C.P. and the club feels the F.B.I. has him doing this and are afraid of him. Next meeting of C.P. is Mar. 1st."

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/27/56 that the FW party referred to in the above report was a circulation drive function

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cc: [redacted]

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100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-34578 (CEDC)  
97-27 (FW)  
100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
100-35480 (JOHN RODIN)  
(STEVE MURDOCK) SF

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held in Stockton, California on 2/11/56 and sponsored by the Stockton CP. Informant advised that those attending were not advised that this function was sponsored by the local CP. Informant could furnish no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: File.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: ~~SF~~ 1604-S

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DATES OF CONTACT: 2/24, 28/56 3/1, 5, 12, 16, 20/56

## TITLES AND FILE #s ON WHICH CONTACTED:

CP, USA, DISTRICT 13 (100-11889)  
CP SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY (100-21286)

## PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: X

See written reports

## PERSONAL DATA:

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OFFICE MEMO-U.S. GOVERNMENT

To: SAC, San Francisco (100-21286)

Date: 3/26/56

From: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

Subject: CP Activities, San Joaquin County  
IS-C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on March 5, 1956. This report, dated March 2, 1956, concerns a CP meeting held at Stockton, California, on March 1, 1956. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton Calif.  
Mar. 2-1956.

"There was a regular meeting of C.P. Club of Stkn. Mar. 1-56 at the home of H. & E. KEYLOR. Present were L. WALTER, H. & L. M. THOMPSON and H. & E. KEYLOR. Report of Dem. Convention held in Modesto in Feb by H. KEYLOR who is a member of Port of Stkn Dem. Club and was elected to attend with others. At the convention JOHN MC FALL was elected to run against LEROY JOHNSON (Cong) for 11th C.D. The club is satisfied with the commitments on issues

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cc: [redacted]

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100-31146 EVANGELINE KEYLOR  
61-409 RUDE LAMBERT  
100-34578 CEDC  
100-20472 JACK JILBERT  
100-31165 BILL WEBER  
100-33290 SID SCHURR  
100-4405 DAVE JENKINS  
100-25624 SAM OLIVER  
100-31186 VINCE CABEBE  
122-103 VINCE CABEBE  
100-25347 CP Political Activities  
100-29491 LUKE DUNCAN

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made by Mc Fall. They are dissatisfied with work of N.A.A.C.P. who show little progress in doing things. Discussion on who to carry RUDY LAMBERT to see for funds for C. E. C. D. when he comes to Stkn. Decided he could see BILL WEBER, SID SHURY, DAVE JENKINS, SAM OLIVER, VINCE CABEBE, LUKE DUNCAN and a few others, all described as sympathizers. Letters to be written to Pres. concerning the Alabama segregation issue. There will be a special meeting to elect officers on Mar. 8-at the home of H. & L. M. THOMPSON in order to get this done before next regional meeting which will be Sun. Mar. 11-in Sacto. DAVE JENKINS is an occasional visitor at the KEYLOR home. It was decided to let L. KILMER remain inactive until such time as R. LAMBERT can talk to him. Club refuses to pay any more ducs for him or be responsible in any way. J. JILBERT have not been present or contacted for some time, too inconvenient or expensive for club to contact before each meeting as he lives in Tracy. Club members instructed to work slowly and cautiously also indirectly on issues in Dem. club, not to appear over anxious or to frequent the floor too often. Nothing decided concerning Smith Act Victims.

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on March 8, 1956, and could furnish no additional information.

Action Recommended: File.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 4/2/56

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-34578)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DEFENSE COMMITTEE;  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 3/7/56. This report, dated 3/5/56, concerns a CEDC meeting held in Riverbank, Stanislaus County, California, on 3/4/56. This report is set out verbatim, and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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lcc: 100-34578

" [redacted]  
" [redacted]  
" [redacted] (SF1604-S)  
" 100-35746 (HOMER CHASTAIN)  
" 100-31080 (LEORA CHASTAIN)  
" 100-40329 (BERTHA GURR)  
" 100-32523 (ERNEST GURR)  
" 100-4534 (FRED GENZEN)  
" 100-36904 (FLORENCE DOWNEY)  
" 100-30040 (HARRIET DAVIS)  
" 100-30046 (PHIL DAVIS)  
" 100-28334 (MAE MURRY)  
" 100-27988 (DELMER BERG)  
" 61-409 (RUDY LAMBERT)  
" 100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
" 100-25085 (CP FUNDS)  
" 121-3383 (JOSEPH P. DIEU)  
" 100-36701 (AL MOYER)  
" 100-26388 (CP, STANISLAUS COUNTY)

3cc: Los Angeles

(100-42641) - ERNEST GURR  
(100-33454) - AL MOYER  
- BERTHA GURR

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"March 5, 1956

"The dinner to raise funds for the Smith Act was held at Homer Chastain's home at Riverbank, Calif., Mar. 4, 1956. There was an attendance of 17, among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Guer of Merced, Al Moyer of Chowchilla, (he had 2 other men with him), Fred Genzon of Oakdale, Florence Downey, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dicu, May Murry, Del Berg and Rudy Lambert. Lambert was guest speaker and spoke on the Smith Act, Democratic Club and I.P.P.

"The quota for Stanislaus County was \$145.00, \$90.00 was raised at this dinner and brings Stanislaus to \$167.00.

"Al Moyer gave \$20.00 at the dinner and May Murry mentioned the fact that if they have a large quota to make she calls on Moyer as he's very good for a large donation.

"Howard Taylor and Howard Thompson were both unable to attend from Stockton.

/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/12/56, that LILLIAN MAE MURRY is currently the head of the CP in Stanislaus County, and that CARL RUDE LAMBERT is the CP State Board representative to the Northern California outlying counties. HOMER CHASTEEN has been identified by [REDACTED] as a member of the Stanislaus County CP. Informant furnished no additional information.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 4/2/56

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)  
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY;  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 2/26/56. This report, dated 2/23/56, concerns a CP meeting held in Stockton, California, on 2/16/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 23, 1956

"A meeting of the Communist Party was held at the Howard Keylor home on Thursday evening, February 16, 1956, and the following people were present:

Lura Walter  
Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson

"The meeting was opened at ten minutes to 8:00 PM by the Club Chairman, Howard Keylor. Since Larry Kilmer was not present at the meeting, Keylor reported for him on the fact that he had

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(HOWARD KEYLOR)  
(EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
(LARRY KILMER)  
(STEVE MURDOCK) PW  
(PW)  
(CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
(RUDE LAMBERT)  
(NAACP)

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tried to get Steve Murdock to go out with him on Sunday following the People's World circulation drive party to contact some people who had sent in for the free copies of the People's World following the distribution of the flood broadside. Murdock was unable to go and Evangeline Keylor said she would be glad to see the people but she could not drive. Lulu Mae Thompson said she would take her out and they set Wednesday, February 22nd, as the date. Keylor expressed the opinion that he thought the contacts should be made on the weekend or in the evening so the men would be home, but the majority didn't think this would make any difference. Since the Club had met their quota on new subscriptions the paper was asking that a new quota be accepted, but the members decided to make an effort to get at least three more subscriptions without taking on a new quota.

"Howard Keylor reported that the new president of the executive board of the NAACP, Mrs. Austin, is very progressive and she told him that she would be glad to have his support in the Club, even though she was aware of his background. He announced the next meeting of the NAACP would be held on Monday, February 20th. Lura Walter and Lulu Mae and Howard Thompson said they would try to attend.

"The next report made by Keylor concerned the progress made by the Democrats in selecting a candidate to run against Leroy Johnson. The nominating convention will be held in Modesto on Saturday, February 18th and Keylor will attend as a delegate from the Port Stockton Democratic Club.

"Since all Communist Party members are supposed to join a Democratic Party Club, Keylor said he thought it would be a good idea for the members of the Club in the Stockton area to join the Port Stockton Club and the members accepted this proposal, so Keylor said he would let them know where and when the next meeting would be held.

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"Keylor then questioned Lulu Mae Thompson as to what Rudy Lambert had said about this request that he come to Stockton to contact people for donations to CEDC. She reported that Rudy would not come unless there was someone else to go out with him if Keylor had to work, and that there must be a list of people prepared in advance so he would know his time would not be wasted. Keylor said he felt that there should be some discussion of prospects, he had several people in mind, but he would not come out with any names and just beat around the bush. Finally Lulu Mae Thompson told him she thought the only way to get started on it was for him to write the names down because he was the only one who had any ideas of who to go to. He stated he would prepare a list of names.

"The members decided that it would be best to meet once every two weeks since, from now on the members would be expected to attend NAACP and Democratic Club meetings.

"Howard Thompson brought up the Alabama Fund and it was stated that the Club quota is \$15.00. The suggestion that the members donate 10¢ a meeting to the fund was accepted.


"The last item on the agenda was Club elections and since the Club had run out of time Keylor expressed the opinion that this was a good idea because it would give him a chance to discuss the election with Howard Thompson. Lulu Mae Thompson made the statement that the elections were the concern of the whole Club and should not be discussed privately by just two of the members and the rest of the membership concurred in this opinion. It was established that the election of officers will be the first order of business at the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday evening, March 1, 1956 at the Keylor's,

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/s/



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 was thoroughly interviewed by SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/1/56, and could furnish no additional  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM.....UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (97-27)

DATE: 4/6/56

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD  
IS - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 2/16/56. This report, dated 2/14/56, concerns a DFW circulation drive party held in Stockton, California on 2/11/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 14, 1956

"There was a party at the Howard Keylor home on Saturday evening, February 11, 1956 to try to get subscribers to the People's World.

"The following attended the party:

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Murdock (from the paper)  
Bill Rodin  
Bill Spencer  
Tom Maloney  
Jack Jilbert  
Howard and Evangeline Keylor  
Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson  
Larry Kilmer and Betty (His fiancée)

ccs: [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-20472 (JACK JILBERT)  
100-32136 (LARRY KILMER)  
100-20016 (STEVE MURDOCK)  
100-20003 (ROSE MURDOCK)  
100-35480 (JOHN RODIN)  
100-36702 (BILL SPENCER)  
100-22690 (TOM MALONEY)

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The position filled by the paper in the political situation now prevailing and its stand on the issues was explained by Murdock and then he answered questions put by those present on current subjects.

Coffee and cake was served during the evening and the party broke up about 10:15 PM.

During the evening, Tom Maloney was heard telling Mrs. Murdock that he had once been employed by the Daily People's World.

/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/17/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 2/15/56. This report, dated 2/14/56, concerns a CP meeting held in Stockton, California on 2/9/56. This report is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
February 14, 1956

"A regular meeting of the Communist Party was held at the Howard Keylor home on Thursday evening, February 9, 1956 and those members present were Lura Walter, Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson and Evangeline Keylor. Howard Keylor left home before the meeting started to attend a meeting of the Port of Stockton Democratic Club because they were going to bring pressure on the candidates on the issues in the forthcoming elections.

"Plans for the party being held for the circulation drive for the People's World were completed and a brief report on the Regional meeting held in Wheatland on the 5th of February was made by Lulu Mae Thompson.

"All other business was postponed until there were more members present. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday evening, February 16, 1956. at the Keylor home.

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 2/17/56 and could furnish no additional information.

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ccs [redacted] (SF 1604-S)

100-311446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)

97-27 (PW)

100-25347 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)

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LAWRENCE ANTHONY KILMER  
SM - C

The following written report was furnished to  
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 3/16/56. This report,  
dated 3/14/56, is set out verbatim and the original is  
maintained in [redacted]

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"Stockton, Calif.  
Mar. 14 - 56

"There was a party honoring LARRY and BETTY  
KILMER' recent wedding, Mar. 10 - 8. P.M. at H. &  
E. KEYLOR' home. Attending was L. WALTER, STEVE  
CHARNESKY, CECIL WOODS, MAE MURRY and 2 daughters,  
DELMAR BERG. SID SHURR and family CHARLES SMITH,  
VINCE CAPEBE and daughter, BILL SPENCER and wife,  
fellow called TOM, JOHN RODIN and one more couple.  
Party was to let LARRY' wife meet some of his  
minority friends, it was a gift party however.  
L.M. THOMPSON attended Reg. Conf. Sun, Mar. 11-  
Sacto, brought back a few copies of literature

[redacted]  
[redacted] (SF 1604-S)  
[redacted]

100-29506 (HOWARD KEYLOR)  
100-31446 (EVANGELINE KEYLOR)  
100-34322 (STEVE CHARNESKI)  
100-28334 (MAE MURRY)  
100-27988 (DELMAR BERG)  
100-33290 (SID SCHURR)  
100-40551 (CHARLES SMITH)  
100-31486 (VINCE CAPEBE)  
100-36702 (BILL SPENCER)  
100-22690 (TOM MALONEY)  
100-35480 (JOHN RODIN)  
97-27 (FW)  
61-409 (RUDE LAMBERT)  
100-21286 (CP SAN JACUIN COUNTY)  
100-32136 (LAWRENCE ANTHONY KILMER)  
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for club to be shared. Officers to remain as before only that L. WALTER is to be Press correspondent for P. W. subs. in Stkn. Regular meeting of club postponed to Mar. 22nd. for various reasons too many other meetings this week. RUDY LAMBERT to come to Stkn in 2 weeks.

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[redacted] orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/16/56 that the party held on 3/10/56 was a social gathering honoring the Subject and his recent bride. [redacted] further advised that Subject's wife has had no prior connection with CP members and is not in sympathy with the CP. Informant was unable to advise whether or not the Subject has advised his spouse of his CP connections. [redacted] advised that the regional conference referred to on 3/11/56 was the CP outlying counties and that the Stockton CP is to retain their same officers with the exceptions of LURA WALTER who is to be the PW representative and LULA MAE THOMPSON who will attend some of the regional CP meetings.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 4/12/56  
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE  
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
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The following written report was furnished to  
SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by [redacted] on 3/9/56. This report,  
dated 3/7/56, is set out verbatim and the original is main-  
tained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party  
Stockton, California  
March 7, 1956

"The Communist Party Club of Stockton held a  
meeting at the HOWARD KEYLOR home on Thursday evening,  
March 1, 1956 and those attending the meeting were  
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON, LURA WALTER and HOWARD  
and EVANGELINE KEYLOR.

"HOWARD KEYLOR, the Club Chairman, called the  
meeting to order at about 7:50 PM and as the first item  
of the agenda, he reported on the nominating convention  
held in Modesto by the Democratic Party. KEYLOR was  
one of the delegates and he reported that the Port  
Stockton Club withheld their support from MC FALL until  
he had committed himself on the vital questions.

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cc: SF 1604-S [redacted]

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HOWARD KEYLOR (100-29506)  
EVANGELINE KEYLOR (100-31446)  
CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (100-25347)  
NAACP (100-11596)  
LARRY KILMER (100-32136)  
CEDC (100-34578)  
RUDE LAMBERT (61-409)  
VINCE CABEBE (100-31486)  
SAM OLIVER (100-25624)  
PHIL DAVENPORT (100-27660)  
HENRY SAUNDERS (100-33528)  
LUKE DUNCAN (100-29491)  
BILL WEBER (100-31165)

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"In reporting on the NAACP, the THOMPSONS stated that they had attended the last meeting and had joined. KEYLOR then asked them to comment on the organization, but they stated that they did not feel qualified to do so because just attending one meeting did not give them enough insight into the problems of the organization to express an opinion. It was agreed that the THOMPSONS and KEYLOR would ignore each other at NAACP meetings, because KEYLOR's political views are well known in NAACP.

"The Club decided that the Club should have closer contact with the People's World than they now have with LARRY KILMER acting as the representative. It was proposed that LURA WALTER take over thes duties, but she was not appointed at the present time.

"KEYLOR reported that he had made a list of names of people who might donate to CEDC if they were approached by RUDY LAMBERT. He read the list and the following are some of the people chosen as most likely to donate: VINCE CABEEBE, SAM OLIVER, PHIL DAVENPORT, Mrs. JORDAN, Atty. SAUNDERS, LUKE DUNCAN and BILL WEBER.

"There was not sufficient time left to hold the Club elections, but they were discussed. LURA WALTER proposed that the present officers be retained, but HOWARD THOMPSON stated that it is sometimes difficult for him to attend the Regional meetings because of his health and the KEYLORs car is not dependable, so he felt LULU LAE THOMPSON should take his place.

"Meeting on a two weeks basis meant that there would not be another meeting befor the Regional meeting in Sacramento on March 11th, the the members decided to hold a meeting at the THOMPSON home on Thursday evening, March 8th so the delegate would be prepared to report on the Club activities."

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[REDACTED] was thoroughly interviewed by SA  
ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 3/12/56 and could furnish no additional  
information.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED: Index EVELYN JORDAN, aka., Mrs.  
P. W. Jordan, 527 E. 8th, Stockton,  
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